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CALLS MAYOR'S CHARGES ABSURD

Whiteside Denies He Controls
Tax Appeal Body

Alexander Whiteside, counsel for the Massachusetts Tax Association, denied last night that he originated the proposal of the association to create a state commission with regulatory powers over expenditures of cities and towns, as Mayor Curley alleged in his attack on the proposal recently.

He characterized as absurd the mayor's accusation that he controlled the board of tax appeals and said Curley can do more to restore prosperity by cutting down the assessment on business real estate than by any of the measures he is advocating.

Mayor Curley, when he learned of Whiteside's statement, said:

"Let him ride until tomorrow. I'd rather answer him then."

Mr. Whiteside said:

"If the mayor could see his way, in this distressing but temporary period of depression, to reduce assessments on real estate used for business and commercial purposes — including hotels, apartment and lodging houses — sufficiently to allow such real estate a chance to live and to encourage sales and purchases, he would make a far greater contribution to the restoration of prosperity than he is likely to make, in my opinion, by any of the measures he is advocating.

"As to the Massachusetts Tax Association, the mayor does not say I control that. If he did it would be as absurd as his statement that I control the board of tax appeals. He says I am its counsel. A counsel is a helper and adviser and not a dictator.

"I did not dictate the proposal of the Tax Association that the municipal finances should be subject to greater state control than exists at present. I did not even originate it. It was adopted after careful thought and study by a singularly intelligent and well informed body of men."

OPEN MORGAN MEMORIAL WEEK

State and City Officials
Present as Drive Gets
Under Way

Representatives of the state and the city officially opened the Morgan Memorial Good Will Industries week drive today at the morning assembly in the main auditorium of the Morgan Memorial plant on Shawmut street.

More than 500 persons, including the workers in the Morgan Memorial factory and their friends, heard DeWolf

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MORGAN MEMORIAL HAS STATE DAY

Gov Ely's Secretary Says
Conditions Improving

DeWitt C. DeWolf, secretary of Gov Ely, was the principal speaker at the State Day exercises of Morgan Memorial Good Will Week, held this morning in the auditorium of the Morgan Memorial Building, 89 Shawmut av.

Mr DeWolf brought the congratulations of Gov Ely to the organization for the fine work it has been doing for people in distress. He said that conditions existing because of unemployment are improving day by day. The end of each month finds more men and women employed than on the previous month, according to Mr DeWolf.

Other speakers were Brig Gen Agnew and Richard R. Flynn, State Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions. During the day State Auditor Frances X. Hurley, Secretary Frederick Cook and many other State officials visited the Morgan Memorial Building and offered their congratulations to the founder and president, Dr E. G. Helms.

This afternoon from 3 until 5 tea was served in the social rooms, with Mrs R. . Morton of the women's auxiliary to the Morgan Memorial of Brookline as hostess. A program by the children of the day nursery was also given. A "Tom Thumb wedding" featured.

City Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be observed as City Day. Mayor Curley will be the principal speaker and city officials will visit the plant. Tea will be served at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Wednesday will be known as Judiciary Day. Atty Gen Joseph E. Warner will be the speaker and representatives from various judicial organizations will visit the plant. Women's clubs will send delegations during the afternoon.

Pres Daniel L. Marsh of B. U. will speak on Thursday morning, when schools and colleges will be represented. Friday Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill will be the morning speaker and in the afternoon Mrs Ely, wife of the Governor, will be hostess at tea.

Saturday will be Young America Day, given over to the children's organizations.

The objective in the Morgan Memorial in this week's campaign is to interest more people in the good work being done by the organization and to have more persons fill a "good will" bag which will give many people employment. At present 500 persons are employed at the plant.

C. DeWolf, representing Gov. Ely, convey the greetings of the Governor. Following the assembly the representatives from the various state departments inspected the plant.

Mayor Curley issued a proclamation setting aside the week of Nov. 15 as a Morgan Memorial Good Will Industries Week.

TRANSCRIPT 11/16/31

Unemployed March on City Hall

Demonstration by 300 Attracts
Crowd of 3000 in School St.
— Seek Council Hearing

Another demonstration of the unemployed similar to that of a few months ago took place on School street in front of City Hall this afternoon, in response to an appeal by an organization known as the Unemployed Council of Boston, 721 Washington street. Police met the delegation of several hundred persons at the entrance to the City Hall yard and refused admission to all but a committee and kept the crowd moving down School street.

The object of the demonstration was that of a showing of strength before the City Council under the slogan "Don't starve, don't kill yourselves." The notice that had been sent out also remarked: "Let those that are responsible for our suffering provide for the unemployed. Organize and fight. Turn

out in the thousands with your wives and children and we will demand from the city officials to provide us with unemployment relief."

While the so-called official notice of the march upon City Hall made no mention of the Common as a gathering place, that fact was emphasized at recent meetings of the unemployed council, held every Monday and Friday afternoon. It was estimated that about 300 persons gathered on the Common and that within an hour the crowd had been augmented to a thousand or more, most of them idle spectators. There was no formal marching order from the Common to School street, the men and women being told to avoid any overt act that would cause the police to move against them. At the head of School street, however, the crowd which at that time numbered perhaps 3000 persons, moved almost in a solid mass overflowing from the sidewalks into the street and therefore mingling with the vehicular traffic which at that time was heavy. Three or four policemen stood at each gate at the entrance to City Hall yard and were obliged to use force in persuading the crowd to keep on the move. Captain Martin King of Station 2, in civilian clothes, directed the handling of the crowd. Although the mass moved slowly following its leader there was at no time any suggestion of trouble.

A committee of five young men was admitted through the gates to seek an interview with the mayor, if possible, and also the City Council which was in regular session this afternoon. When Superintendent of Police Michael H. Crowley arrived on the scene at 2:30 there were only a few hundred spectators on the opposite side of the street watching for developments.

When the committee of the unemployed made their way to the fourth floor of City Hall and asked to appear before the City Council, President McGrath informed them that such permission would not be given. He would grant them the privilege, however, of speaking before the Council in executive session, each speaker to have ten minutes.

At the meeting on the Common the only speakers were Irving Keith, organizer of the Young Communist League of Boston, and Jackson Wales, secretary of the

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should definitely consider, just as we should consider the industrial development, and the co-ordination of boat, train and plane in one great transportation system.

Ten Years Hence

Now to the future, which is so easy to forecast and so uncertain of turning out as forecasted. Granting only a normal growth of aviation, it seems reasonably certain that ten years from now we shall see twenty-four-hour airplane service from the Boston Airport to New York and the South; to Albany and the West; to Montreal and the North; to Halifax and the Provinces East—possibly to Europe.

Boston's location is particularly fortunate for the transfer of passengers, mail and express from transatlantic liners to fast planes, and it is entirely possible that in ten years we shall see huge liners from Europe docking at East Boston, adjacent to the airport, and unloading part of their cargoes for fast dispatch before going on to New York.

In ten years it is possible that there will be at least one airship line to Europe, and that may dock at Boston, where passengers will be transferred to heavier-than-air craft to speed them to various points in the country.

Ten years may well see the end of miscellaneous flying at the Boston airport and the port developed into an entirely transport field. About the field may be clustered huge factories manufacturing products adapted for air freight and see a sizable number of freight planes flying in and out of it each month; with scores of planes where ten years ago there were under a dozen.

We are at the all-time low of aviation today, according to the best authorities. Yet each month more than 2000 persons fly between Boston and New York. Assume a normal increase of ten per cent a year and in ten years we would have more than 60,000 persons as the annual total for this one line. Add to it the other lines that are certain to come into being, such as the Boston & Albany line and lines to Maine, and you will have more than a hundred thousand persons using the airport each year—just for transport alone and without any of the larger developments we have just considered.

Ten years hence—how hence? Ten years ago there was not a single regular passenger line in existence. Today aviation is a small transportation business carrying only a mere 400,000 persons a year, over an international network of forty-four air lines. Ten years hence—

Welfare Work Cost \$5,590,000 Already

It will be impossible for the Public Welfare Department to finish the year without an additional \$1,100,000 according to an estimate prepared for Mayor Curley today. Expenses of that department, in the relief of suffering, largely due to unemployment, have been 110 per cent greater than for a similar period last year. This year there has been spent already \$5,590,000, compared with \$2,764,000 up to Oct. 21 of last year. These expenditures are exclusive of mothers' aid and soldiers' relief.

MAYOR CURLEY STARTS KANE'S CAMPAIGN TO AID UNEMPLOYED



MAYOR CURLEY SELLING FURNITURE TO MISS ALYCE WOODS OF ALLSTON, TO START KANE'S CAMPAIGN TO AID UNEMPLOYED

Mayor Curley inaugurated, today, the campaign in which the Kane Furniture Company will donate 2 percent of its total sales to the unemployment fund of the Public Welfare Department of Boston. The Mayor arrived at 9 this morning at the company's Boston store, 740 Washington st., to sell an article of furniture to the first customer of the day.

After a few minutes, Miss Alyce Woods of 124 Grenville av. Allston, arrived, and the Mayor helped her select a chair, selling it to her.

Kane's unemployment campaign will include all the stores of the company. Regardless of how large or small the sales, 2 percent of the total will be sent to help men and women in financial distress.

"This donation costs the public nothing," Harry Kane, president of the company, explained, "but automatically helps to avert a Winter's misery for someone. At the same time we are putting this money to work. Money at work puts men to work."

The campaign closes on Nov 30.

WELFARE EXPENDITURES INCREASE 110 PERCENT

Boston Spent \$5,590,000 Up to Oct 23—Overseers
Need \$1,100,000 More to Finish Year

Expenses of the Overseers of the Public Welfare for the period ending Oct 31 were 110 percent greater than for the same period in 1930. This year there has already been expended \$5,590,000, as against \$2,764,000 up to Oct 31 of last year.

At a meeting of the overseers at Mayor Curley's office today it developed that the overseers will require an additional \$1,100,000 to carry on through Dec 31, which will make the year's total \$6,690,000.

The above expenditures are exclusive of the expense of the Mothers' Aid and Soldiers' Relief departments.

Boston Airport As It May Be 10 Years Hence

Tenth Anniversary of Creation on Wednesday Leads to Thoughts of the Future

By Franklin Jordan

Ten years ago today a group of prominent Boston business men, all members of the Post Office and Postal Facilities Committee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, were gathered in conference working out the final draft of a report on the airport needs of Boston. Two days later, Edmund W. Longley, chairman of the committee, submitted the report. This report was the actual start of the present Boston Municipal Airport, which to date represents an expenditure of nearly five million dollars and when present enlargements are completed will be one of the finest and largest airports in the world.

The report, submitted on Nov. 18, 1921, recommended that the newly filled flats between Jeffries Point and East Boston be taken for the site of a landing field and for this wise recommendation, the citizens of Metropolitan Boston will always be indebted to that Boston Chamber of Commerce committee, as it gave Boston one of the best located airports in the United States. Few cities, larger or smaller, have an airport located so close to the heart of the business district and so conveniently reached.

A month after the original report, the committee filed a second report, recommending that the Boston Chamber of Commerce file a bill in the Legislature for the construction of the field. The sum of \$35,000 was requested. The Chamber approved the committee's recommendations and the bill was filed in the 1922 session, where it passed in spite of stiff opposition. Governor Cox signed the bill on May 12, 1922. However, the bill did not get through without alteration. A clause was inserted that the cost of the construction of hangars for the newly created National Guard air squadron, should be included in the appropriation and that if the contract bids exceeded the appropriation, the difference must be raised outside the State's treasury before construction could start. The bids were over the appropriation but the Boston Chamber of Commerce raised the balance of about \$12,000 by public subscription.

Dedicated in 1923

It was also arranged that for the first five years the airport should be leased to the Army for regulation, with the agreement that it should be open to full use for civilian pilots. The latter part of May the Boston Airport was nearly completed and on June 3 a wandering pilot made the first, although unofficial landing on the field. On June 5, 1923, Lieutenant R. Curtis Moffett, commanding the Army Air Corps Detachment and consequently in charge of the airport, made the first official landing. This was a flight from Framingham with James T. Williams, then editor of the Boston Evening Transcript, as a passenger.

When the field was officially dedicated

on Sept. 8, 1923, the Army hangars were completed and the foundations were in for the National Guard hangars. The field at this time was "T" shaped, as shown by the blackened-in area on the photograph of the airport on this page. The runways were one hundred feet wide and 1500 feet long. The rest was the ungraded fill that had been made just before and during the World War when plans for a huge harbor development, started in the 90's were being rushed to completion.

The airport as it stood when dedicated in 1923 had cost \$2,875,092.99, of which \$2,838,692.99 represented the cost of land takings, bulkheads and filling for the harbor development, before the airport was constructed. From the time the airport was dedicated until the city of Boston took it over in 1928 at the end of the Army's lease, an additional \$53,635.81 was spent in improvements, principally grading and surfacing to enlarge the runways to a width of 200 feet and to fill in the area between the runways and the hangars.

Start of Commercial Work

For the first three years, the flying was virtually all military, but in 1926 the air mail, under Government contract, was started by Colonial Air Transport and the same year the first commercial hangar was erected by the Boston Airport Corporation. With the advent of commercial interest, it was obvious that the Boston Airport needed more than the Army supervisors were authorized to provide and so in August, 1928, the airport was officially turned over to the city of Boston.

Immediately, an enlargement was started that provided the present field with runways from 1900 to 2800 feet. This cost including the Administration building, seaplane base and lighting \$807,145.95. In addition, the Army spent \$50,675.56 moving and improving their quarters; the Department of Commerce spent \$40,000 for a radio range and weather station and the commercial interests spent \$466,953 on the construction of hangars. This made a total of \$1,364,774.51 spent since the airport was taken over by the city.

As traffic increased it became obvious that the airport needed further enlargement and this year a million and a quarter dollars was authorized for that purpose. Of this amount \$490,500 has been let under contract for the filling now in process and additional amounts will be needed later to provide additional lighting, grading, surfacing, roads, seaplane base and a number of lesser items. This year also the State authorized the expenditure of \$250,000 for new National Guard hangars and of this \$200,000 has been contracted for.

In Summary

The total cost of the airport to date has been a little under five million dollars, of which private or commercial interests have spent less than half a million dollars. The balance has been contributed by the public both directly and indirectly through the State, Federal and city expenditures. The investment has been as follows:

Source	Investment
State	\$3,126,729
City	1,297,616
Private	466,953
Federal	90,675
Public	12,000
Total	\$4,994,003

In addition, it must be remembered, the city of Boston has authorization to spend \$759,500 for airport improvements and a part of this will be required to put into condition the enlargement now in process and to install a permanent

seaplane base. This will bring the city's investment well over a million and a half (or about half what the State has put in) and bring the total cost of the airport up to the point where a better than A1A airport and a first-class seaplane base is available. This should serve Boston's needs for many years to come. It should also be noted that these figures, furnished by the Aviation Bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, are exclusive of equipment of buildings.

To illustrate the growth of the airport another table is needed showing the increase in the landing area:

Runways	1923	1931	Future
East-west		2300	3500
Southeast-northwest ...	1500	1950	5000
North-South		2200	5000
Southwest-northeast ...	1500	2800	3000

The length of runways listed for the future will be possible under the filling now contracted for, although they will not all be finished immediately. Extensions to provide a 2500-foot all way field will be finished first and, later surfacing will provide 3500 feet in all directions except southwest-northeast where only about 3000 feet is possible. However, both approaches to this landing strip are over water so the additional 500 feet are not as necessary as when the approach is over land.

Immediate Future

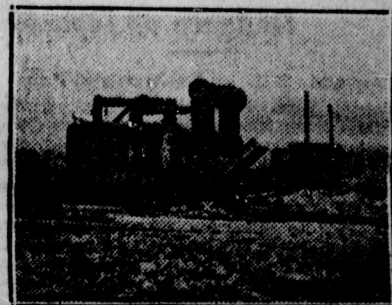
In the immediate future, the Boston Airport needs may be summed up as follows:

- 1.—Completing present enlargement of the landing area.
- 2.—Extension of Porter street to the airport.
- 3.—Construction of the seaplane base and facilities.
- 4.—Bus line to airport—eventual extension of East Boston subway to the airport.
- 5.—Installation of the 100-foot circle.
- 6.—Addition of lighter-than-air mooring masts, docks and other facilities.
- 7.—Industrial development of the airport.
- 8.—Construction of a new passenger terminal.

Most of these projects have already been considered by Commissioner Long and the air board. We know the enlargement will be completed and the circle will be installed when it is. Porter street extension is only a matter of time, as is the seaplane base.

With the growth of aviation a bus line to the airport will become a necessity and a possible development to make the field more accessible and overcome delays due to traffic congestion in the vehicular tunnel and about it will be the extension of the East Boston subway tunnel to the airport just as the underground runs from London to Croydon.

As the airship becomes more fully developed, there will be a definite need for lighter-than-air facilities and while this does not seem a need of the immediate



Remains of Old Guard Hangars

WHITESIDE DISCLAIMS TAX POWER

Replies to Curley on Plan for State Commission

The attack by Mayor Curley on the proposal of the Massachusetts Tax Association to create a State commission with regulatory powers over expenditures of cities and towns, was answered last night by Alexander Whiteside, counsel for the association, who denied he originated the proposal. He said it represented careful thought and study by an intelligent body of men.

CONTROL "ABSURD"

Mr. Whiteside, who is a former corporation counsel, declared the Mayor's accusation that he controlled the Board of Tax Appeals was absurd. He said the Mayor could do more toward restoring prosperity by cutting down the assessment on business real estate than by any of the measures he is advocating.

When Mr. Whiteside's statement was called to his attention last night, the Mayor chuckled and remarked: "Let him ride until tomorrow. I'd rather answer him then."

"Seek No Quarrel"

The statement of the former corporation counsel follows:

"I have been asked what reply I wish to make to Mayor Curley's recent attack upon the Massachusetts Tax Association and the Board of Tax Appeals. I seek no quarrel with Mayor Curley. I like him personally, invariably falling under the spell of his charm when I meet him. We differ, however, radically in our political and economic views.

"His statement that I control the Board of Tax Appeals is, of course, absurd. No one who knows the three able and conscientious men who constitute the board would harbor such a notion. It is true I have tried some cases involving Boston assessments before the board, but so have many other lawyers, with results as good as mine.

For Own Failures

"The board's duty is to apply the law as settled by the Supreme Court to the facts—proved by evidence—of the cases presented to it. If the results are not satisfactory to the authorities of the City of Boston, those authorities have no one but themselves to blame. I am afraid the Mayor is yielding to the not-

uncommon human weakness of blaming somebody else for his own failures.

"If the Mayor could see his way, in this distressing but temporary period of depression, to reduce assessments on real estate used for business and commercial purposes—including hotels, apartment and lodging houses—sufficiently to allow such real estate a chance to live and to encourage sales and purchases, he would make a far greater contribution to the restoration of prosperity than he is likely to make, in my opinion, by any of the measures he is advocating.

"Advisor, Not Dictator"

"As to the Massachusetts Tax Association, the Mayor does not say I control that. If he did it would be as absurd as his statement that I control the Board of Tax Appeals. He says I am its counsel. A counsel is a helper and adviser and not a dictator.

"I did not dictate the proposal of the Tax Association that the municipal finances should be subject to greater State control than exists at present. I did not even originate it. It was adopted after careful thought and study by a singularly intelligent and well informed body of men. The Mayor says it would be a return to Bourbonism, and is put forward by capitalistic interests to further their own ends.

"Two brief answers to this occur to me: First, each of our municipalities

is merely a sub-division of the Commonwealth, deriving its powers solely from the Commonwealth. If the State can give, the State can surely regulate or take away. Never before in my memory, has anyone accused the Commonwealth of being a Bourbon. Second, under the law as proposed by the State Tax Association, any municipality which objects to a decision of the State Board, may have the question determined by a referendum of its own citizens. Is that Bourbonism?

"Much more could be said, but neither time nor space permits it at the moment. The important proposal which the Massachusetts Tax Association earnestly believes to be for the best interests of every man, woman and child in the Commonwealth, will be duly presented to the Legislature, and Mayor Curley will have ample opportunity to express his views, which, it is to be hoped, he will do without unnecessary vituperation and abuse."

CUMMINGS BROADSIDES AT DONAHUE

Charges Party Leaders in "Run Out" on Roosevelt

The second broadside at Chairman Frank J. Donahue of the Demo-

cratic State committee and other leaders seeking to send unpledged delegates to the Democratic national convention was let loose, last night, this one coming from John J. Cummings, former candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket.

CHANGE OF FRONT

Unlike the attack made upon them Saturday by Mayor Curley, who branded them as "self-appointed Micawbers and adventurers," attempting to "cloud the national issue," Cummings demands to know what has happened in the last year to make these leaders "want to be sent to the convention unpledged in view of their declaration last year in favor of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Accusing them of wanting to go to the convention to "trade Massachusetts Democracy as may best suit their personal aims and ambitions," Cummings charges that those in control of the Democratic party here are "up to their old tricks," and "have forgotten that when they tried this stunt about four years ago, the Democratic voters rebuked them at the polls."

Informed last night of the second attack upon him and other leaders in two days, Donahue declined to make any reply. He also declined to reply to the first broadside let loose at him by Mayor Curley.

In his statement issued last night, Cummings said in part:

"If Senator Walsh believed in 1930 that Roosevelt's nomination meant 'an opportunity to bring back the principles of Democracy,' and that 'millions were ready to follow him,' what now causes the Senator and his associates to run out on Roosevelt, the enemy of the power trust? . . .

"Run Out on Roosevelt"

"If these gentlemen want some other candidate than Roosevelt, why don't they come out into the open and pledge themselves to the candidate they wish?

"Notwithstanding the timid and ill-concealed hostility to Roosevelt of these politicians, the people of Massachusetts want Roosevelt. Massachusetts voters admire Roosevelt for his programme of progressive legislation, for his steadfast defence of the people's rights, and for his broad and tolerant spirit. They know they can trust him.

"Governor Roosevelt has a particular appeal to Massachusetts. He was educated here. His children were educated here. When he was Assistant Secretary of the navy, the Boston navy yard had 18,000 employees and was favored over private shipyards. When the naval districts were established and the bon ton of Newport sought to have the headquarters of the first district at fashionable Newport, Roosevelt was deaf to the pleadings of the Newport aristocracy and chose Boston."

SALESMAN CURLEY ON JOB



MAYOR CURLEY

MISS WOODS

HARRY KANE

When the Kane Furniture Co. started its drive today to aid the jobless by donating to the city unemployment relief fund two per cent net of all sales until Nov. 30, Mayor Curley went to the store, 740 Washington st., and there joined the sales force. He is shown maning his first sale to Miss Alyce Woods, 124 Glenville ave., Allston, while Harry Kane, president of the company looks on. (Staff photo.)

KANE'S SALE TO AID POOR

At 9 o'clock this morning Mayor Curley made the first sale in the Kane Furniture Co.'s Boston store, 740 Washington st., launching a campaign that will end on Nov. 30, during which period the company will donate to the unemployment fund of the Public Welfare Department of the city 2 per cent of their total sales.

In an interview Harry Kane, president of the Kane company, said: "The winter of 1931 has thrown down a challenge to the people.

"Thousands of us will be warmly clothed and well fed. Other thousands will be cold and hungry.

"Kane's, with the co-operation of the public, offers a plan to help. We have discussed this plan with officials, social workers and others who are face to face with the problem of actually meeting the charity needs of the city during the coming winter. All are agreed that this plan, if made city wide through the co-operation of retailers in all lines, will go a long way toward providing the necessary funds for the winter's relief.

"We will give to the unemployment fund 2 per cent of our sales, regardless of how large or small they may be, and this amount will be sent to the public welfare department.

City to Pay \$6,000,000 to Jobless

Unemployment relief in Boston increased 110 per cent for the first 10 months of the year, compared with the period last year, according to figures of the public welfare board, Mayor Curley announced today.

More than \$6,000,000 will be expended by the city in relief work before the year is ended, the mayor said.

Up to Oct. 31 \$5,590,000 had been spent by the welfare board in relief of the unemployed, against \$2,764,000 for 10 months last year.

October showed \$544,000 expended against \$296,000 in October, 1930. The mayor was informed that approximately \$1,100,000 more would be needed before the year closes. This will bring the total expenditures up to \$6,690,000 for the year.

The figures are exclusive of soldiers' relief and hospitalization.

SALE TO HELP NEEDY VETS

Miss Mary Curley, daughter of the mayor will hold open house at the Jamaicaaway home of the mayor on Wednesday to sell articles made by disabled veterans.

The sale, the first of its kind held by Miss Curley, will swell receipts of the Disabled Ex-Service Men's Exchange, Inc., under whose auspices the affair is held. Tea will be served from 4 to 6 o'clock, with "open house" in order from 11 in the morning until 6.

Miss Curley has long been interested in the work of the disabled veterans, and has planned this sale for some time.

City to Employ 1300 on Parks This Winter

More than 1300 men will be employed during the winter in the city golf course, public parks and playgrounds, Park Commission William P. Long stated today.

The men, recruited from the ranks of those assisted by the board of public welfare, will work three days a week.

CITY CLUB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK

Program of Daily Events to Conclude Sunday

The Boston City Club, which will observe its 25th anniversary this week, has arranged an interesting program of events to mark the occasion. Outstanding in the week of activities is the gathering of members and friends tomorrow night in the club auditorium to hear an address by Newton D. Baker, ex-Secretary of War, who has been mentioned as a Presidential possibility.

Events will be held daily, starting today with tournaments in bowling, billiards, and other games. At tomorrow night's meeting, members and guests will be admitted without ticket. Pres. Walter Powers will preside.

The sports tournament will be continued Wednesday and on Thursday. Founders' Night will be observed with Edward A. Filene as chairman and Mayor Curley as orator. This celebration will be in the form of a dinner and meeting and those unable to secure reservations will be able to hear the address through the amplifiers in the main dining room.

Friday has been set apart for the women. W. T. A. Fitzgerald, Registrar of Deeds of Suffolk County, will be chairman. There will be dancing and a buffet supper and entertainment. The club house will be open to inspection of members and women friends. On Saturday afternoon the members and sons will hear the radio broadcast of the Harvard-Yale game and motion pictures will be shown.

There will be a memorial concert Sunday afternoon to conclude the observance. An organ and vocal concert will be held in the auditorium from 3 to 4 o'clock, to which women may be invited. Victor J. Loring is chairman of the open house committee, and at the concert William E. Zeuch will be organist and George H. Boynton tenor. Dr. W. C. Crawford will preside.

The living charter members of the club are David F. Tilley, Lieut. Gov. William S. Youngman, J. W. Beatson, Edward A. Filene, Alfred E. Wellington, Elwyn G. Preston, Congressman George Holden Tinkham and Richard Waterman.

Mayor Curley characterizes those who foster "favorite son" candidates for the Democratic Presidential nomination as Micawbers, apparently because Mr. Micawber was always sure something would turn up.

OLD HOWARD BENEFIT TO FEATURE HINDA WASSAU

Hinda Wassau and her outstanding dancing girls will sing and dance for the benefit of Boston's unemployed on



HINDA WASSAU

Wednesday night when the Old Howard, where the well-known charmer is playing, will stage a midnight show in accordance with the request of Mayor James M. Curley. The entire proceeds of the performance will be donated to the city, every one connected with the production giving their time and talent.

The show is "Hindu Belles," one of the features of the Columbia burlesque wheel. In addition to Hinda, the roster of the performance includes such stars as Jack Rosen, Roy Kinslow, Frances Knight, Rosemond May and Dorothy DeHaven.

The Kam Troupe of Oriental jugglers, tumblers and dancers will head the vaudeville sector of the midnight show. In addition there will be The Three Gobs in some amusing nonsense, while Krugel and Robles will offer some of their own humorous bits.

There will be a number of special extra bits tossed into the show to make it more sprightly than usual, and some of the impromptu comedy is expected to be of the first water.

NOMINATES LABOR MEN FOR BOARD

Building Trades' Council Sends Names to Ely

A committee representing the Massachusetts Building Trades Council sent the names of John J. Carroll, business agent of Cement Finishers' Union, and William Dwyer, business agent of Holsting and Portable Engineers' Union, Local 4, to Gov. Joseph B. Ely, as the nominees of that organization suitable for appointment to the Metropolitan District Commission.

This action followed a meeting with Gov. Ely at which E. A. Johnson, president of the State organization and secretary of the Boston Building Trades Council; James P. Meehan of Lawrence, secretary of the State or-

APPOINTED HEAD OF PAVING DIVISION

William T. Morrissey in P. W. D. Since 1915

William T. Morrissey, son of the late Police Inspector Michael J. Morrissey, has been appointed engineer in charge of construction of the paving division of the Pub-



WILLIAM T. MORRISSEY

lic Works Department, city of Boston. Mr. Morrissey was born in Charlestown 34 years ago. After attending the public schools in Charlestown and Mechanic Arts High School, he studied engineering at the Franklin Union, Boston.

During the World War Mr. Morrissey served in the navy. He remained in the service for a year after the war before being mustered out.

In 1915 he entered the employ of the city of Boston as a rodman and was speedily promoted to transit man and shortly afterward to inspector. His engineering skill was recognized by department heads and he was made junior inspector, then senior inspector and finally promoted to his present position.

Mr. Morrissey is married and lives with his wife and son, William T. Jr., at 42 Dickens st., Dorchester.

ganization, and James W. Scanlon of Worcester asked for the appointment of a labor man to the State commission. This committee was requested to submit names of men qualified for the position who were acceptable to organized labor. The place asked for is the one now filled by Frank Bayrd, whose term expires next month.

TRADES COUNCIL WRITES CURLEY ABOUT CONTRACTS

A letter was sent to Mayor James M. Curley yesterday by the Boston Building Trades Council, requesting him to award future contracts for road building only to contractors who will hire union men, on the ground that by this means only can violations of the State and municipal laws for the paying of the prevailing rate of wages be prevented. It was charged by speakers who favored this action that every contractor who is allowed a free hand in working his contract pays less than the prevailing rates when possible.

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ROOSEVELT'S BIG FIGHT FOR EAST

So-Called Conservative Element Turning to Ritchie--South and West for New York Governor

BY ROBERT L. NORTON

With the entrance of Governor Ritchie of Maryland into the contest for the Democratic nomination for President, the lines of the fight to prevent the nomination of Governor Roosevelt of New York are beginning to take shape.

APPEAL TO EAST

Ritchie is making a straight out appeal to the conservative and wet forces in the East. Obviously the opposition to the Roosevelt nomination is largely confined to States east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio. It is in this section of the country that most of the people live and from which comes the great bulk of the electoral votes.

No candidate in either party can win either a nomination or an election without the support of this section. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the gradually gathering opposition to Governor Roosevelt is being fostered by a group of Democrats of the political and business type who look upon the New York Governor as too radical in his economic views. They are less interested in whether he takes a direct stand for repeal of the 18th amendment or whether he would subordinate this issue to the so-called economic issues, than they are in his position on the matter of federal control of public utilities.

Whether there is in fact any justification for this viewpoint is another matter. This is beside the question, but it is undoubtedly being made the pretext of the drive to prevent Governor Roosevelt from securing two-thirds of the Democratic national convention and the nomination for President.

Actually, the New York Governor does, beyond dispute, represent the liberal forces in the Democratic party. To any conscientious observer of his career, it would be something more than "stretching the truth" to describe him as a "radical." However, using the broad terms of politics and in the general sense, Ritchie is the conservative, while Roosevelt is the progressive.

Norris Courageous

It does not help Roosevelt in the East to have the support of Senator Norris of Nebraska and Senator Wheeler of Montana. Both of these men are conspicuous exponents of Western radicalism. Control of public utilities is their political fetish. Wheeler threatens a third party movement if the nomination of Roosevelt is rejected by the national convention. But it is recalled that Wheeler bolted his party in 1924 and ran as a candidate for Vice-President on the third party ticket with the late Senator LaFollette.

In 1928, Norris, with an unusual demonstration of political courage, left Hoover in Nebraska and went to the support of Governor Smith. However the views of Norris may be regarded in the East, there is a strong element of daring and sincerity in the makeup of this fine old rebel, which must excite the admiration of all except the most radical partisans.

Of Doubtful Value

But it is, however, an unescapable fact that the political and economic views of both Norris and Wheeler inspire only general distrust in the North and East. Their support of Governor Roosevelt at this time is, therefore, to say the least, of doubtful value.

Roosevelt is strong in the South because of the general feeling of the leaders of that section that he is not inclined to subordinate all other issues to that of prohibition repeal in the coming campaign. This, despite the fact that in his State campaign he is clearly on record for repeal and the right of the States to exercise their sovereign power in determining whether or not liquors may be manufactured and sold within their borders. To the radical West he makes another appeal, largely because of his stand upon the regulation of public utilities, an issue which Norris, the unquestioned leader of the Western insurgent Republican group, regards as far outweighing that of prohibition in importance.

Must Win East

So it may be that under the circumstances Governor Roosevelt is embarrassed by the support of some of his friends. What Roosevelt needs to win is support of the East and North. Obviously he would not be in the running at all were he not Governor of New York, a strategical position of enormous importance which is backed by the feeling in the party that if he were nominated he could carry the Empire State against President Hoover. Without New York the Democrats could hardly expect to win the presidency.

But it is undisputed that powerful influences are working against Governor Roosevelt in New York. While the Smith-Raskob group are not openly hostile, on the other hand they are lacking in enthusiasm and Tammany regards his candidacy with surly suspicion.

In New Jersey leader Frank Hague is not for Roosevelt, and he comes pretty close to being the boss of the Democratic party in that State.

In Massachusetts, with the exception of Mayor Curley, there is no Democratic leader of prominence openly working for Roosevelt. Walsh, Ely and Donahue are cautiously marking time awaiting developments and either an unpledged slate such as that thrown out by Chairman Donahue in these columns last week, or a slate pledged to either Walsh or Ely for the presidency may be in prospect.

Whatever may be the developments in this State it certainly looks now as if Roosevelt would be obliged to fight for the delegates here.

Baruch's Remark

A significant remark made at the dinner given by B. M. Baruch in New York last week to Governor Ritchie may be interpreted as indicating the trend of the opposition to Roosevelt. Baruch who was a most powerful figure in the Wilson administration, said:

"I believe that in the next election when a man steps to the ballot box he is going to ask himself this question before he casts his vote: 'Under which men are my opportunities best to get work and earn a respectable living for myself?' Such a frame of mind makes for conservatism. I feel that in this country when the American people are put to the test they will move toward honesty and not towards dishonesty toward conservatism or rather liberalism and not towards demagogic radicalism." And then referring to Governor Ritchie "as the man to whom the finger of fate seems to point as being perhaps destined to move from his State to neighboring district."

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British Lord Mayor Liked Boston Visit

Mayor Curley today received a letter of thanks from Lord Mayor George Titt of Manchester, Eng., in which he expresses his appreciation for the cordial treatment extended to him and the lady mayors during their visit here.

Lord Mayor Titt stated that he has had the utmost satisfaction in informing citizens of Manchester of the genuine good-will which Mayor Curley displayed during the lord mayors' stay in this city.

Boston City Club Marks Anniversary

The Boston City Club this week observes its 25th anniversary with a notable list of events. The entire week will be given over to the observance. Tomorrow night Newton D. Baker, secretary of war during the American participation in the World War, will be the speaker.

On Thursday evening, Founders' Night will be observed. Gov. Joseph B. Ely, Mayor James M. Curley and Edward A. Filene will be the speakers in that program.

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Mayor Opens Kane's Drive for Jobless



MAYOR IN ROLE OF SALESMAN

Mayor James M. Curley shown at Kane Furniture Company, yesterday, as he made the first sale in the company's campaign to aid the fund for the city's unemployed. Miss Alyce Woods of Allston, first customer, had the honor of being served by the Mayor.

Mayor Curley took time from his official duties yesterday to demonstrate his ability as a salesman, appearing at the store of the Kane Furniture Company, 740 Washington street, to make the first sale in connection with a campaign launched by this concern to continue until Nov. 30. During this period the company will donate 2 per cent of its total sales to the unemployment fund of the Public Welfare Department of the city of Boston.

Harry Kane, president of the Kane Furniture Company, declared in an interview: "The winter of 1931 has thrown down a challenge to the people. Thousands of us will be warmly clothed and well fed, but other thousands will be cold and hungry. Kane's, with the co-operation of the public, offers a plan to help. We have discussed this plan with officials, social workers and others who are face to face with the problem of actually meeting the charity needs of the city during the coming winter. "All are agreed that this plan, if made city-wide through the co-operation of retailers in all lines, will go a

long way toward providing the necessary funds for the winter's relief. We will give to the unemployment fund 2 per cent of our sales, regardless of how large or small they may be, and this amount will be sent to the Public Welfare Department. This donation costs the public nothing, but automatically helps avert a winter's misery for someone. At the same time, we are putting this money to work. Money at work puts men at work."

CURLEY HOME OPEN TO PUBLIC TOMORROW

Mayor Curley's home will be open to the public tomorrow, from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m., when his daughter, Miss Mary Curley, will conduct a charity tea and sale, for the benefit of the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Exchange of 355 Boylston street.

Hundreds of articles, made by disabled veterans, will be for sale at the house, which is at Moraine street and the Jamaica way.

HALTS HIGH SCHOOL FOR GROVE HALL

Council by 7 to 12
Vote Rejects Big
Loan Order

Immediate construction of a \$920,000 high school building at Grove Hall, for the girls of Dorchester and Roxbury, was blocked late yesterday when, by a vote of 7 to 12, the City Council rejected the necessary loan order requested by the school authorities.

LED BY KELLY

Councillor Francis E. Kelly of Ward 15, Dorchester, with the support of 13 civic organizations of his home district, won the votes of 11 of his colleagues in the battle to kill the Grove Hall site, and instead place the school at Meeting House Hill.

When the new school committee organizes on the first Monday night in January, the Dorchester group will urge the appropriation of the money to the Meeting House Hill area.

Vigorously, Councillor Israel Ruby of Ward 14, Dorchester, appealed for support of the Grove Hall site, pointing out that the city had already purchased the land and the construction of the building could start without further delay.

But on the roll call, instead of the necessary 15 votes for passage, there were but seven favoring the loan order. Councillors Ruby of Dorchester, Bush of Roxbury, Curtis of the Back Bay, Engert of Jamaica Plain, Lynch and Mahoney of South Boston, and President McGrath of Dorchester.

Dozen Opposed

The dozen who rejected the school order were Councillors Kelly, Fish and Wilson of Dorchester, Arnold of the Back Bay, Cox of West Roxbury, Dowd of Roxbury, Fitzgerald of the West End, Gallagher and Hein of Brighton, Green of Charlestown, Murray of Jamaica Plain and Power of Roxbury.

All of the orders sent to the Council yesterday by the Mayor were swept through with a unanimous vote, 21 to 0.

These mayoral measures included the passage of a \$100,000 loan order for the construction of sewers to keep pace with the construction of new streets, the rescinding of \$115,000 in loan orders saved in the construction of three new bridges, so that the money can be used for other purposes, and the transfer of \$8000 from the central library to the construction of a new library building at Jeffries Point, East Boston.

JOBLESS PLEA TO BE PUT TO MAYOR

Demands by Committee of Unemployed, Made to Council, to Be Placed Before Curley

Demands that armories and vacant apartment houses in the city be opened up as lodging houses where the unemployed could sleep and be fed, were among the demands made to the Boston City Council yesterday afternoon after a large crowd from a meeting on the Common to City Hall, halted traffic on School street and was dispersed by the police.

NUMEROUS DEMANDS

The committee of four members who said they represented the unemployed council, sponsors of the Common meeting, also demanded free gas, fuel and light for the unemployed; no evictions of families suffering from unemployment; free lunches and clothing for school children and improvement of conditions at the Wayfarers Lodge on Hawkins street.

When the committee was told that the demands made were outside the jurisdiction of the City Council, the

spokesman stated that arrangements would be made to submit the proposals to Mayor Curley. The four members of the committee expressed resentment at the questions put to them by members of the council regarding their addresses and length of time they have lived in Boston. They insisted that they were seeking nothing for themselves but were speaking in the interests of the unemployed in the city whose numbers they placed at 100,000.

Fiery Talk to Council

John King, one of the committee, who said he lived on East Springfield street and the Salvation Army, said that he wouldn't be subjected to a third degree or picked apart.

"There is no use tossing the ball to Mayor Curley," he told the council which met the committee in executive session. "There may be no unemployment in this room where you sit back and smoke cigars but there is lots of it outside in the streets. How about the poor fellows shifting from city to city looking for work? Open up these armories and empty houses and give us a break."

Start March to City Hall

The meeting on the Common was advertised by yellow handbills, resembling the fliers that are used to announce Communist gatherings. About 600 gathered around the Parkman Bandstand, where they adopted a letter which was later presented to the council, and the march on City Hall was started. About 50 policemen under command of Superintendent Crowley were lined up at the gates of the building and the marchers, as well as hundreds of spectators were forced to continue down School street.

Allow Four to Enter Hall

Four of the marchers, Miss Sylvia Sheves, Jackson Wales, Irving Keith and King, were allowed to enter the building and appeared before the council. Keith, who said that he lived at 497 Blue Hill avenue, acted as spokesman and read the letter containing the demands for relief. He gave the names and addresses of three families which he claimed were unable to secure any assistance, though they were destitute and declared that the conditions at the Wayfarers' Lodge were unspeakable. Most of the cots at this public home maintained by the city had no mattresses, there was a shortage of hot water and no medical supervision was given the applicants, he stated.

At Odds on Wayfarers' Lodge

President Joseph McGrath of the council stated that he would have the

three cases mentioned by Keith investigated. Councilman John F. Dowd said that all the requests made upon the council were beyond its powers and that they called for executive action.

Councilman Albert J. Fish said that he visited the Wayfarers' Lodge several nights ago and that there were plenty of hot water showers available. Councilman Francis E. Kelly said that the body had already taken action on two of the demands and has asked that armories be opened and free cots provided by the city. Councilman John I. Fitzgerald moved that the letter of the committee be accepted and referred to the proper channels.

Keith closed the hearing by saying that there was not much use in continuing the discussion and that he would report back to the Unemployed Council and recommend that the demands be called to the attention of Mayor Curley. Before leaving he expressed the appreciation of his group for receiving an opportunity to speak.

COUNCIL FOES BLAST MAYOR

Publication of Mayor Curley's campaign speech against the minority opposition in the City Council, last night, drew the bitter personal fire of Councilors John F. Dowd of Roxbury and Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester, after they had rested quietly for two weeks on their victories at the polls.

At the end of an otherwise peaceful meeting at City Hall, Councilor Dowd aroused his colleagues and the lingering gallery with a scathing attack upon the Mayor, repeating for the public records his election eve reply to the Mayor's charges against him.

The feud was revived when the Roxbury Councilor learned that the Mayor's election attack on the minority trio of the council had been displayed on two full pages of the City Record, the official publication of the city government.

At great length Councilor Dowd replied to 24 points in the Mayor's broadcast address and will square the debt Saturday when his attack upon the Mayor will be publically printed in the City Record as part of the Council proceedings.

The Councilor charged that the Mayor was using the City Record as a personal publicity news service and contended that it was a violation of the city charter to print campaign speeches in the official publication, which was established, he said, for the publication of official business reports only.

WORK FOR 1500 MEN IN WINTER

Will Get Jobs in Parks and Playgrounds

Work for 1500 men who are now receiving aid from the Boston Public Welfare fund will be provided throughout the winter in the city parks and playgrounds, under a plan arranged yesterday by Mayor Curley and Chairman William P. Long of the Park Commission.

So that the men may earn the relief money which they obtain from the city, they will work three days each week, cutting down the undergrowth in the park system, renovating the soil of Mt. Hope and other municipal cemeteries and turning the soil in the public parks in preparation for the spring plantings.

JOBLESS PLEAD BEFORE COUNCIL

Leaders Informed City Has

No Power to Accede to
Demands

FREE LODGINGS,
MESS HALLS ASKED

Spokesmen for a vague council of the unemployed of Boston, who were permitted to present specific demands to the city council, yesterday, after leading a group of 200 followers and 1500 curious pedestrians to the City Hall, were bluntly told that state laws prohibit the council as well as the welfare department from acceding to any of the demands.

Resentment to questions about their personal affairs was voiced by the spokesmen when the councilmen began to display keen interest in the status of the three men and a woman who claimed to represent the unemployed.

GIVE OCCUPATIONS

They were Irving Keith, 496 Blue Hill avenue; Sylvia Sheves, 24A Temple street; Jackson Wales, 55 East Springfield street, and John King, who says he lives at the latter address when Wales invites him there.

Keith claimed to be a metal worker; Miss Sheves a cigar maker; Wales a shoe worker and King a ship's cook. Wales received an A. M. degree from Harvard in 1928.

Policemen who are specifically detailed to attend all meetings of communist organizations and a police department stenographer were permitted to attend the executive meeting of the council at which the spokesmen of the unemployed were invited to speak, after arrangements for them to do so had been made by Superintendent of Police Michael H. Crowley and President Joseph McGrath.

Crowley, with Capt. Martin King of the Milk street station awaited the march on City Hall at the School street gates. No one was permitted to enter and five minutes after the gathering of unemployed and curious reached the vicinity of the hall, the police had shoed them elsewhere.

Keith submitted a prepared statement in which he asked for free lodging for the unemployed in apartment houses, armories or other buildings, the establishment of public dining rooms and mess halls, the providing of free gas, fuel and light to the poor, lunches for children of the unemployed attending school, as well as clothing and transportation, equitable treatment by the welfare department of married and unmarried applicants for aid, and

the cleansing and fumigating of the Wayfarers' lodge on Hawkins street where the services of medical inspectors are believed desirable.

Keith cited three families who he charged had been denied aid by the city but when pressed for information he admitted that he did not know if they could be legally assisted.

When councilmen began to pry into the private affairs of the four visitors, the intrusion was resented, particularly by Miss Sheves, who declared with vigor that she did not consider herself obliged to discuss her personal affairs with the council.

The committee abruptly withdrew from the council room with the announcement that their demands will be submitted to Mayor Curley and to Gov. Elv.

COUNCIL VETOES GIRLS' SCHOOL IN DORCHESTER

Refuses \$920,000 Order for
Building Asked by
Committee

VOTE IS 12 TO 7
AGAINST PROJECT

The city council yesterday nullified the decision of the school committee to erect a \$1,000,000 high school for girls in the Grove Hall district of Dorchester by refusing to make funds available for its construction.

It was the first time in many years that the council has overruled a decision of the school committee.

Exercise of the virtual veto power was made possible by legislative enactment which specifically provides for city council approval of loan orders for schoolhouse construction, financed by a special authorization limited to \$2,000,000. Under ordinary procedure the city council has no approving authority of loan orders for schoolhouse construction.

The vote against the passage of the \$920,000 loan order, recommended by Mayor Curley, was 12 to 7. Reconsideration and assignment to the next meeting were refused by a voice vote.

On roll call Councilmen Arnold, Cox, Dowd, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Green, Hein, Kelly, Murray, Power and Wilson voted against the loan. Those favoring it were Councilmen Bush, Curtis, Englert, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath and Ruby.

The decision will compel the school committee either to resume consideration of the logical section of Dorchester where the proposed school should be situated, or permit the incoming committee to decide the issue which has been the subject of heated controversy for many months.

No chance exists of any reassignment of councilmen which will make possible the passage of a loan order for a schoolhouse on the Wilder street site which was acquired for school purposes several years ago.

In the debate upon the loan order, which was restricted to representatives of Dorchester wards, Councilman Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., of Ward 17 was credited with having advanced the argument which made certain the adverse decision of the council.

Wilson stressed the fact that although the appropriation authorized by the school committee provided for the erection of a high school in Dorchester, the selection of the Wilder street site indicated that there was not a serious intention to build the school in Dorchester but on the boundary line between Dorchester and Roxbury.

He contrasted Dorchester's two high schools and the rapid increase in population in that section, with the four high schools in Roxbury and the falling off in population there.

"As long as the school committee voted to appropriate money with which to erect a high school in Dorchester," said Wilson, "I feel that I am advancing a very logical argument in favor of placing it there and not in Roxbury."

He emphasized that 13 civic organizations in Dorchester had agreed, for the first time, that the Wilder street site should not be utilized for the contemplated purpose.

Councilmen Kelly and Fish argued that a site in the Meeting House Hill section should be selected. Councilman Ruby of ward 14, Dorchester, in whose district Wilder street is located, appealed for support of the school committee's decision on the ground that every decision of officials charged with the responsibility for the selection of school sites had been in agreement about the advisability of choosing the Wilder street location.

The argument of Ruby that unemployment relief would be provided by creating opportunities for work for building trades evoked from Wilson the assertion that "injecting the unemployment angle is more molasses."

He added that what measure of unemployment relief is furnished by the erection of school houses has, in past months, been enjoyed more by mechanics living in Medford and Somerville than by Boston residents.

CURLEY CALLS FOR CUT ON CITY LAND PRICE

Mayor Curley yesterday asked the city council to reduce to \$132,350 the price of \$200,000 placed on city-owned land of more than 66,000 square feet at Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth avenues, Allston.

The recommendation was referred to the committee on public lands. Objection to any reduction is certain to be made by councilmen who vigorously opposed the recommendation of the mayor to dispose of the property. The price which the mayor desires to have fixed is \$2 per foot. He considers the price set by the council as more than any prospective purchaser will pay.

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CURLEY DENOUNCED AT CITY COUNCIL SESSION

Printing Radio Speech in City Record Assailed by Two—Dorchester High School Order Beaten —Jobless Delegation Heard

Denunciation of Mayor Curley by Councilors Dowd and Kelly, because Mayor Curley's "Dowd-Norton-Kelly" radio speech in the recent campaign had been reproduced in the City Record, and a visit from four representatives of the Unemployment Councils of Boston, featured yesterday's City Council session.

Incidentally, in the course of the session, the \$920,000 loan order for a high school in Dorchester was defeated by a vote of 12 to 7. The School Committee planned to erect the building on Wilder st, on the borderline of Dorchester and Roxbury. Councilor Kelly, favoring Meeting House Hill, led the fight to defeat the order. He was supported by Councilors Wilson and Fish, also of Dorchester. Others who voted against the order were Councilors Arnold, Cox, Dowd, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Green, Hein, Murray and Power. Favoring the order were Councilors Bush, Curtis, Englert, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath and Ruby. Councilors Norton, Gleason and Donovan were absent or not recorded.

Allege 100,000 Jobless

Irving Keith, Jackson Wales, Sylvia Sheeves and John King were received in executive session by the Council. Keith acted as spokesman and said there were 100,000 unemployed in Boston. He charged that the Wayfarers' Lodge needed fumigating, bedding and a medical man to guard against spread of disease there.

The committee called on the Council to provide free lodging in well ventilated buildings; clean, wholesome and sufficient food in public dining rooms or mess rooms; free gas, fuel and light; no evictions; free lunches clothing and shoes to needy school children and that married men get an even break with single men.

Councilor Dowd told the committee that the members of the City Council were ready at all times to help the needy, but the Council did not have one iota of authority to institute the reforms asked for; that the initial step must be taken by Mayor Curley.

The quartet departed after declaring that they would follow Councilor Dowd's advice. Spokesman Keith made it plain that the measures asked for were only for immediate and temporary relief. Keith said they would go to Mayor Curley and Gov Ely.

Attacks Also to Be Printed

Charging that Mayor Curley used the City Record for his own personal interests, and that in having his radio speech on Sunday night before election

printed in the City Record, he violated Section 20 of the city charter, Councilor Dowd and Councilor Kelly as well, had their revenge, for their attacks on the Mayor yesterday will also be printed in full in the City Record.

The Council meeting opened with surface harmony, and in quick time a library department transfer of \$8000 to Jeffries Point Library was passed, and rescinding orders to make available \$115,000 from savings in the building on the Morton st, Shawmut av and Albany st bridges went smoothly, as did an order for \$100,000 for sewers. Then the calm surface was disturbed, and despite the heroic efforts of Councilor Ruby, the \$920,000 order sent in by Mayor Curley at the request of the School Committee met its Waterloo.

Councilor Gardiner Wilson's order compelling constables to furnish a surety company bond of \$3000 instead of two real estate sureties of \$2000 each passed, 9 to 2, Councilors Ruby and Bush voting against it.

Charlestown Speeders

Councilor Green offered an emergency order calling for extraordinary measures by the police, even to the extent of calling upon State aid to halt "rum-crazed or maniacal" automobile speeders in Charlestown.

Councilor Green said that he would appear in the Charlestown Court today and appeal to the presiding justice not to fine or send to jail drivers caught on the "Bunker Hill speedway" but rather that he commit each offender to the Psychopathic Hospital for observation.

The City Record blast came after Councilor Dowd said he thought that when the ballots were counted, everyone was satisfied, but he found the radio speech printed in the City Record. He charged the Mayor had been using the City Record as a Curley newspaper.

He then proceeded to answer every charge made by Mayor Curley against him in the radio speech. Answering the charge that he sought publicity, Councilor Dowd said he would vote for any order possessing merit but not for any loan order intended "to enrich grafting contractors or real estate men."

The Councilor said that the real reason for the Curley-Dowd split was "he tried to put me on the spot for Gov Allen against Gov Ely." He said that early in the present administration Mayor Curley declared that there would be no friendship contracts, yet, charged Councilor Dowd, "the W. G. C. Company got contracts amounting to \$83,650.16. It is Senator Mike Ward's company."

Dowd Claims Credit

Declaring that this was the first time

in 20 years that the big coal companies were selling to the city, and at \$1 and \$1.25 a ton less than independents with the coal contracts charged a year ago, Councilor Dowd took credit for forcing the change and said that it saved the city \$75,000 on coal alone.

John J. Curley, brother of the Mayor, said Councilor Dowd, is in the bonding business and, according to Mr Dowd, John J. Curley got \$26,000 in one lump sum as the premium on the bond for the building of the East Boston traffic tunnel.

In his closing Councilor Dowd said: "When the Mayor is right I'll vote for him, but if he is wrong I will vote against him."

Councilor Kelly felt impelled to make some remarks after Councilor Dowd finished. Mr Kelly said he had intended to overlook the City Record printing and the Mayor's part in the campaign because, said Mr Kelly, Mayor's Curley's opposition made it possible for him to carry every precinct in his ward, the first time it was ever done in a Council contest.

Links Mayor With Attack

He then referred to gang attacks in his ward and invited the Mayor to do it himself the next time instead of using hirelings. He charged that Mayor Curley, fearing physical assault, was afraid to appear in Ward 15 in the closing hours of the campaign, and that the Mayor secluded himself in City Hall to do his broadcasting that Sunday night, knowing that Kelly was going on the air at the station immediately after Mayor Curley's talk.

Prepared to present their demands in person at the session of the City Council, a group of the unemployed, 150 or 200 strong, approached City Hall at about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but were prevented from passing through the outer gate by 50 patrolmen under Capt Martin King of Division 2.

Foot and motor traffic was held up in the narrow street as more than 2000 persons gathered to watch the attempted demonstration. While police officers kept the crowds moving, spokesmen for the unemployed explained that they wanted to ask for free lodgings and to request action by the City Council to prevent gas and electricity being turned off in their homes for nonpayment of bills during the present situation.

While men were milling outside the entrance Police Supt Michael H. Crowley arrived and announced that a committee might be appointed and would be allowed to enter City Hall. A committee composed of three men and one woman was selected and went to the meeting place of the Council on the fourth floor. The others were asked to disperse.

Met by Pres McGrath

The committee of unemployed was met by Joseph McGrath, president of the City Council, who explained that the Council would hear them in executive session rather than at the open meeting.

Supt Crowley and Capt King stationed themselves in the fourth-floor corridor outside the Council Chamber after the demonstration on the street and the superintendent spoke to Pres McGrath for the committee. He brought the group word that each member of the committee would be allowed to speak for 10 minutes in the executive session.

Prior to the march upon City Hall the group held a meeting at Parkman Band Stand for which they had a

HERALD 11/17/31

Valuation Cut Means Less Revenue, Mayor Retorts in Tax Controversy

"Reducing valuations on real estate means less revenue, and results in stifling the proper carrying on of city government," Mayor Curley said last night in a public statement issued in answer to a suggestion by Alexander Whiteside, counsel for the Massachusetts Tax Association, that a reduction of assessments on property used for business and commercial purposes would make for prosperity.

A brief series of alternate statements by Mayor Curley and Mr. Whiteside has resulted from the tax association's proposal to create a state commission with regulatory powers over expenditures of cities and towns, and the mayor's statement last night was the latest of the series.

"Mr. Whiteside and his organization are expounding a theory of economics that results in private gain, while I am expounding a theory that has for its sole purpose the welfare and happiness of all the taxpayers of the city of Boston," the mayor asserted.

He intimated that the filing of petitions for abatement of municipal real estate assessments had become something of a "racket."

"I do not propose to allow such a 'racket' to gain a foothold in Boston, whether it be in the form of open and overt solicitation, or in the guise of a reform movement," the mayor continued.

"It is unfortunate that in this critical period the board of tax appeals, which Mr. Whiteside so vehemently champions, does not contain in its membership men who are familiar with real estate valuations. The present personnel, while consisting of reputable men, unfortunately has no one who is recognized as a real estate expert with a knowledge of valuation.

"It would seem advisable, therefore, that either the present board be asked to resign, and their places filled by men more conversant with real estate values, or that the board be abolished altogether, and the matter of abatements be left with the local tribunals, subject to an appeal to the courts."

The mayor characterized the Massachusetts Tax Association as an "autocratic organization... whose primary object is the preservation and advancement of wealth, even though this be done at the expense of the less fortunate."

AMERICAN 11/17/31

New Fireboat Gets Tryout Tomorrow

Official tests of the new fireboat, Matthew J. Boyle, will be made tomorrow, Mayor Curley announced today.

The boat, said to be the last word in fire-fighting equipment, was constructed in the Lawley yards in Neponset, and has been cruising about the harbor for the past week in preliminary tests.

Charity Sale at Home of Curley

Mayor Curley's home will be open to the public tomorrow, from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m., when his daughter, Miss Mary Curley, will conduct a charity tea and sale for the benefit of the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Exchange. Hundreds of articles, made by disabled veterans, will be for sale.

HERALD 11/17/31

RODEO CONTRIBUTION TO RELIEF FUND, \$671

A contribution of \$671 to the unemployment relief fund, representing 26 per cent of the gross receipts of the special rodeo performance at the Boston Garden last Friday afternoon was received by Mayor Curley yesterday.

Representations that the special performance was arranged for the exclusive benefit of the relief fund were not borne out by this addition to the fund, which caused comment at City Hall that the contribution fell far below anticipations.

Two other checks of \$143.16 each were received from D. A. Schulte Company, representing 5 per cent of one day's profits of the company's Boston stores and a similar personal contribution by Mr. Schulte.

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CURLEY IN DRIVE TO FILL STADIUM

Makes Personal Appeal for B. C.-H. C. Game Sell-Out

Mayor Curley launched an intensive drive yesterday to sell the Boston College-Holy Cross game in Harvard stadium, Thanksgiving afternoon, to the football-minded public of New England.

In addition to sending a telegram to several thousand prospective purchasers of tickets, the mayor, who is anxious to have the Stadium filled to capacity, and thereby assure an addition of more than \$75,000 to the unemployment relief fund, interested himself in the selection of the musical number to be played during the funeral of General Depression.

Discarding the suggestion that the consolidated Boston College and Holy Cross bands should play Schubert's March Militaire, while the mayor is presiding at the official obsequies, he offered two tickets to the game to the Boston high school student who suggests the most appropriate selection.

Suggestions mailed later than Friday will not be considered. They must be sent to the mayor's office, City Hall, and bear the name of the school and the home address of the student. The winner will be announced Sunday. In his personal appeal for the purchase of tickets, the mayor said in his telegram:

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TO RAISE \$150,000 IN WAGES FOR IDLE

Goodwill Week Launched by Morgan Memorial

The Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries week, during which it is aimed to provide \$150,000 worth of wages for Boston unemployed, was inaugurated yesterday by Mayor Curley in a proclamation delivered before 100 officials and guests at the headquarters at 89 Shawmut avenue.

Three requests for success of the campaign were outlined by the mayor as follows: give a bag or bundle of fairly good clothing, provide a subsidy of \$5 for each such bundle and notify Morgan Memorial of any spare job. In return, the organization agrees to provide with the money and material \$150,000 in wages if 50,000 bundles and \$50,000 are given.

Tribute to the work of Morgan Memorial was given by Mayor Curley during his speech in which he said that if it were not for the good work of the organization, welfare relief by the city would be much greater than the vast sum that is being paid out weekly to the unemployed.

Inspection of the plant was made yesterday by the following supporters of the Morgan Memorial, many of them city officials: Mayor Curley, Peter F. Tague, Melville D. Liming, J. J. Mulvey, registry department; J. P. Manning, president of the hospital department of the city; J. E. Maguire, of the institutions department; J. J. Shields, director of the municipal employment department; William J. Casey, superintendent of the printing department; John P. Englert, superintendent public buildings; Edward L. Dolan, city treasurer; City Councillor Thomas H. Green. A group of 35 ministers of greater Boston also made an inspection during the afternoon.

The Junior League sponsored a tea served between 3 and 5 P. M. Hostesses were Misses Dorothy Lawrence, Helen Mosley, Anne Clifford, Barbara Reynolds, Rachael Warner and Betty Soule.

GLAD 11/18/31

MAYOR CURLEY A DELEGATE TO RIVERS AND HARBORS

Pres J. Hampton Moore of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association has appointed Mayor Curley a delegate on behalf of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association to the convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress which meets in Washington, Dec 8 and 9.

MAYOR CURLEY APPROVES ORANGE-ST PAVING CONTRACT

A contract amounting to \$24,393 for the paving of Orange st and Roslindale av. to Henry F. Malley, was approved yesterday by Mayor Curley. The Mayor also awarded a paving contract for Moody and River sts to F. J. Jacobs; price \$9393.

TRANSCRIPT 11/17/31

Public Is Asked to Report on Noises

Mayor's Commission Presents Questionnaire to Be Filled Out

What are the noises that are prevalent in different sections of the city? The Boston Noise Commission, appointed by Mayor Curley, to co-operate with the City Planning Board, seeks the co-operation of the public in the filling out of a questionnaire. This is the first step in obtaining a cross section of public opinion. A similar method was followed in New York and resulted in more than 11,000 replies being received.

Meantime, a compilation of the existing laws and ordinances pertaining to the control of noise is under way and it is the intention of the commission, Henry A. Christian, M. D., chairman, following the receipt of replies to the questionnaire and their classification, to measure one against the other, and in that way to determine in what respect the machinery is lacking, in existence of enforcement, for the proper control of noise.

The questionnaire is as follows:

Source of noise—

Loud speakers in home.
Automobile horns.
Trucks—horse-drawn.
Trucks—motor.
Buses—Noisy mechanism or tires.
Automobile cut-outs.
Noisy brakes on automobiles.
Juveting.
Pneumatic drills on streets.
Pneumatic drills on excavations.
Loud speakers outside of stores.
Airplanes.
Noisy parties.
Locomotive whistles and bells.
Tug and steamship whistles.
Elevated trains.
Subway trains.
Subway turnstile.
Street cars.
Ash and garbage collections.
Newsboys' cries.
Unmuffled motorboats.
Traffic whistles.
Fire department sirens and trucks.
Milkmen.
Factories.
What ONE noise is MOST annoying?

If you have suggestions to offer, write a letter and attach it to your questionnaire.

Signed _____

Address _____

Note—Your name and address will not be used publicly in any way or at any time.

Mail this questionnaire to:
BOSTON NOISE COMMISSION
30 City Hall, Boston.

Officials Must Pay to See School Games

If Mayor Curley and members of the City Council wish to see the schoolboy football games on Thanksgiving Day, when English High and the Latin School, the Dorchester High and the High School of Commerce, fight it out on the gridiron, they will have to buy their own tickets.

Chairman Joseph J. Hurley made the announcement that the school board regretted its inability to extend the usual courtesies this year, but since the Supreme Court had ruled that no money appropriated for school purposes could be used to purchase athletic equipment, the board felt obliged to restrict the free ticket privilege so that receipts from the games would be sufficient to meet the expenses of the teams.

GLOBE 11/17/31

MORGAN MEMORIAL HOLDS "CITY DAY"

Tague and Liming Speak at Exercises

Peter F. Tague, chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, representing Mayor James M. Curley, and Melville D. Liming, executive secretary of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, were the principal speakers at the City Day exercises of Morgan Memorial Good Will Week, held this morning in the auditorium of the Morgan Memorial Building, 89 Shawmut av.

Mr Tague brought the congratulations of the Mayor to the organization for its fine work. He discussed briefly Boston's relief program. He pledged his support to the Morgan Memorial in its services to the community. He also expressed his appreciation to Dr E. J. Helms, founder of the organization, for his work last year, which saved the taxpayers of Boston \$200,000.

Mr Liming told of many experiences in the West and in his address used the old saying, "Where there's a will there's a way." He said that determined men can find new avenues of opportunities. He said that during the present depression problem, men will arise who will point the way out of the task now before us. Such a man was Dr E. J. Helms of the Morgan Memorial, he said.

Among the Boston city officials who inspected the plant today were James J. Mulvey of the Registry Department; Joseph P. Manning Hospital Department; James J. Maguire, Institutions Department; Ambrose E. Woods, Market Department; John J. Shields, Director of Municipal Employment; William J. Casey, Printing Department; John P. Englert, Superintendent of Public Buildings; Edmund L. Dolan, treasurer; John J. Lydon, Soldiers' Relief Department; Philip A. Chapman, Supply Department, and City Councilor Thomas H. Green.

During the morning and afternoon hundreds of out-of-town delegations visited the plant.

Tea was served this afternoon from 3 until 5, sponsored by the Junior League girls, assisted by the Women's Auxiliary. The hostesses were Miss Dorothy Lawrence, Miss Helen Moseley, Miss Anne Clifford, Miss Betty Soule, Miss Barbara Reynolds and Miss Rachael Warner.

The guest speakers were Mayor John J. Whalen of Chelsea and Mayor Richard M. Russell of Cambridge. Music was furnished by the Church of All Nations' Orchestra.

Tomorrow will be observed as "Judiciary Day." Atty Gen Joseph E. Warner will be the speaker. Representatives of various judicial organizations, the courts and Police Department will also visit the plant during the day.

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CURLEY MAKES FIRST SALE IN KANE'S STORE

Mayor Curley made the first sale in the Kane Furniture Co.'s Boston store, 740 Washington st., yesterday morning, launching a campaign that will end on Nov. 30, during which period the company will donate to the unemployment fund of the Public Welfare Department of the city 2 per cent of their total sales.

In an interview Harry Kane, president of the Kane company, said: "The winter of 1931 has thrown down a challenge to the people.

"Thousands of us will be warmly clothed and well fed. Other thousands will be cold and hungry.

"Kane's, with the co-operation of the public, offers a plan to help. We have discussed this plan with officials, social workers and others who are face to face with the problem of actually meeting the charity needs of the city during the coming winter. All are agreed that this plan, if made city wide through the co-operation of retailers in all lines, will go a long way toward providing the necessary funds for the winter's relief.

"We will give to the unemployment fund 2 per cent of our sales, regardless of how large or small they may be, and this amount will be sent to the public welfare department.

"This donation costs the public nothing, but automatically helps to avert a winter's misery for someone. At the same time we are putting this money to work. Money at work puts men at work."

HERALD 11/17/31

OPEN MORGAN MEMORIAL WEEK

State and City Officials Present as Drive Gets Under Way

Representatives of the state and the city officially opened the Morgan Memorial Good Will Industries week drive yesterday at the morning assembly in the main auditorium of the Morgan Memorial plant on Shawmut street.

More than 500 persons, including the workers in the Morgan Memorial factory and their friends, heard DeWitt C. DeWolf, representing Gov. Ely, convey the greetings of the Governor. Following the assembly the representatives from the various state departments inspected the plant.

Mayor Curley issued a proclamation setting aside the week of Nov. 15 as a Morgan Memorial Good Will Industries Week.

TRAVELER 11/17/31

Curley, Super-Salesman, Lends Hand to Jobless



Mayor Curley making the first sale in the Kane Furniture Company unemployment fund campaign to Miss Alyce Woods of Allston. Two per cent. of all purchases during Kane's campaign are to go to the public welfare department of the city.

Mayor Opens Kane's Unemployment Campaign by Selling Large Chair—Store Gives 2 Per Cent. of All Sales to Needy

With Mayor Curley acting as salesman and making the first sale, the unemployment fund campaign inaugurated by the Kane Furniture Company at 740 Washington street was launched.

CURLEY SUPER-SALESMAN

The super-salesmanship of the mayor was evidenced in the first transaction when he sold a large easy chair to Miss Alyce Woods of Allston, 2 per cent. of the purchase amount going to the unemployment fund. During the progress of the campaign at Kane's 2

per cent. of the total sales will be donated to the city's public welfare department.

Interviewed afterward, Harry Kane, president of the company, said: "The winter of 1931 has thrown down a challenge to the people. Thousands of us will be warmly clothed and well fed. Other thousands will be cold and hungry.

"Kane's, with the co-operation of the public, offers a plan to help. We have discussed this plan with officials. All agreed that, if made city-wide, through the co-operation of retailers in all lines, it will go a long way toward providing the necessary funds for the winter's relief.

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Mayor's Daughter to Preside at Sale

Mayor Curley's home in Jamaicaaway will be opened to the public tomorrow when Miss Mary Curley, daughter of the mayor, will preside at a sale of articles made by disabled veterans. The sale is



Miss Mary Curley

in aid of the Disabled Ex-Service Men's Exchange, Inc. Tea will be served from 4 until 6 o'clock, with "open house" from eleven in the morning until six. The entire first floor of the Curley residence will be converted into a "show-room" for the occasion.

Jobless Will Make Appeal to Mayor

It was a disappointed committee of the unemployed which sought assistance of the City Council yesterday, following the demonstration in front of City Hall, in which several hundred took part. The four representatives permitted to enter the building and appear before the council in executive session demanded that the armories and gymnasiums, as well as vacant apartment houses be opened for the benefit of the unemployed; that free lunches and clothing be distributed; that free gas, fuel and light be contributed and that conditions at the Wayfarer's Lodge be improved.

When the delegation, comprising Miss Ella Sheves, Jackson Wales, Irving H. and John King were told by Councilor Dowd that the Council was powerless to help and that all measures of relief must come from the Mayor, the committee was surprised. They declared however, that they would place their proposals before the Mayor at the earliest opportunity.

Post

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Sale for Veterans at Curley Home a Success



THE MAYOR AS AUCTIONEER

Mayor Curley is shown auctioning off a doll at the charity tea and sale conducted by his daughter Mary. With the Mayor, left to right: Mrs. Larz Anderson, Miss Mary Curley and Mrs. Charles R. Butler.

The charity tea and sale conducted by Miss Mary Curley for the benefit of the disabled American veterans of the World war, yesterday, at the Curley home on the Jamaica way, was termed "the most successful ever held for the veterans."

From 11 o'clock in the morning until

after 6 o'clock at night, the house was thronged. A variety of toys, novelties and useful gifts, all the handiwork of disabled soldiers, were sold in quick fashion. The Mayor himself took a turn as auctioneer and his sales talk was very convincing, judging by the action of the buyers. Between 4 and 6 o'clock tea was served.

HERALD

TUFTS DEDICATES DENTAL INFIRMARY

The Tufts College dental infirmary, the most modern institution of its kind in the country, was dedicated last night before 300 members of the Tufts Dental Alumni Association, educators, faculty members and students, with special exercises in the medical school amphitheatre on Huntington avenue.

Dr. Leroy Miner, dean of the Harvard dental school, praised the work of the Tufts Alumni Association in putting before the public the finest equipped clinic in the country. He assailed the paucity of financial support given to dental hygiene by the 91 charitable organizations who have contributed less than a million dollars to dental work in this country.

The Tufts Dental Alumni Association, Dean Miner said, can be proud of its achievement in putting before the public the use of the most modern equipped infirmary, the expense of which constitutes five-eighths of the amount contributed towards dental hygiene in America.

Mayor James Curley, one of the principal speakers, paid a tribute to the Tufts Dental Alumni Association, and Dean William Rice for the fine work that the Tufts Dental Infirmary has done in the past.

SCHOOLHOUSE FUND SAVING WILL GO TO EAST BOSTON

The transfer of savings in schoolhouse construction amounting to \$170,000 was approved by Mayor Curley yesterday. The sum will be used for construction of a 13-room elementary school, with basement, in the Emerson District, East Boston.

MILK MAN TERMED A LIFE SAVER

Lauded by Mayor at Dinner of Hood Employees

The milk-man, who gets nothing but a lot of abuse for waking people up with his clatter in the wee small hours of the morning, was painted as a life-saver by Mayor Curley last night, when he addressed more than 1500 members of the H. P. Hood & Sons Mutual Benefit Association, at the 24th annual meeting and banquet of the organization in the State Armory in Charlestown.

\$100 TO RELIEF FUND

Mayor Curley paid tribute to the company and its personnel as pioneers in pasteurization and for saving thousands of lives by the use of modern scientific methods. He urged the members of the organization, in every house in which they call, to say a word for the great drive the city is making to raise funds for unemployment relief and he asked them to boost the midnight shows being staged in theatres all over the State tomorrow night, and also the Thanksgiving Day football game, the proceeds of which will go to the fund.

Edward W. Sheehan, newly elected president of the association, presented Mayor Curley with a check for \$100 for the fund, and he urged the members to co-operate and follow the suggestions made by the Mayor.

Other speakers at the dinner included Dr. Edward J. O'Brien, noted football referee, and Brother Gilbert, generally credited with "discovering" Babe Ruth.

Gilbert Hood, Sr., vice-president of H. P. Hood & Sons, Inc., also addressed the gathering and he concluded by presenting a service badge to Bennett Campbell of 118 Cottage street, Everett, for 40 years' continuous service with the company.

A letter from Dr. Charles H. Hood, president of the Hood Company, who is in Florida, was read, in which Dr. Hood told of the early days of the company, with its eight horses and four wagons. He traced the growth of the company and praised the long-service employees for their part in its growth.

Dr. Hood said in the letter he was glad to report that he has paid \$50 each to 125 members of the organization who have had a child born during the past year, and that he paid \$1000 to an employee whose wife had twins.

At the business meeting, which preceded the dinner, Mr. Sheehan was elected president, Clarence Dow was elected vice-president, and the following officers were re-elected: Miss Margaret E. Thornton, financial secretary; Robert E. Foley, treasurer; Frank E. John A. Foxley, recording secretary, and Francis J. Ford, auditor. The retiring president, C. Richard Klockner, was toastmaster.

\$2000 BY SALE IN CURLEY HOME

Mayor's Daughter Sponsor
—Aids Disabled War Vets

Articles made by the disabled veterans of the World War brought a net sum of about \$2000 at a sale held in the home of Mayor James M. Curley on Jamaica way yesterday with Miss Mary Curley, the Mayor's daughter, as the sponsor.

More than 1000 persons thronged the



MISS MARY CURLEY

Curley home during the sale, which was the greatest enjoyed since the sales were inaugurated in 1922 by the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Exchange of which James C. Barry is executive committee member.

Among the articles disposed of were toys, couch and crib blankets, rugs, scarves, silver work, leather work, pewterware and book ends.

During the greater part of the afternoon Mayor Curley was present, assisting his daughter and a committee including Mrs. James Wuane, Mrs. Frank Long, Miss Mayline Donnelly, Miss Florence Hurley, Mrs. Edward MacCourt and Mrs. Baird Johnson. Tea was served by Miss Curley and her committee.

MCDONOUGH LOWEST ON WEST ROXBURY BID

Bids opened yesterday by the State Department of Public Works show that M. McDonough Company of Saugus submitted the lowest of 21 bids for construction of 14,330 feet of State highway from the West Roxbury parkway at Leyard road, cross-country to Spring st at the bridge over Charles River. McDonough's bid was \$465,260.65. The next lowest was that of Joseph P. McCabe of South Boston which was \$478,532.05.

Arute Brothers Inc. of New Britain, Conn., submitted the lowest of 22 bids for construction of 21,402 feet of State highway and a three-span steel bridge over the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad in Lakeville and Middleboro. The amount was \$243,468.10. The Eastern Contracting Company of Quincy was the second lowest bidder, \$248,918.

Neither contract has yet been awarded.

DEDICATE TUFTS DENTAL INFIRMARY

Mayor Curley Among the
Long List of Speakers

Speaking at the dedication of the Tufts College Dental Infirmary last evening in the college building, 410 Huntington av., H. Payson Smith, State Commissioner of Education, commended the activities of the dental alumni in making the new equipment possible as a splendid example of the service which is being recognized as among the responsibilities of professional schools.

He expressed the opinion that graduates of higher institutions of learning should be prepared to meet the challenge of leadership in social and civic affairs.

"There is the danger that the man trained to the scientific field will become so absorbed in his specific work that he will overlook the obligations which come to the educated man for public service," he said.

Other speakers included Mayor Curley, Dr. George A. Thatcher, chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Dental Examiners; Dr. Albert L. Midgely, secretary, Dental Educational Council of America; Dr. Frederick S. Fogg, board of trustees, Tufts College.

Prof. George Miller, representing Pres Cousins of Tufts; Dr. A. Warren Stearns, dean of Tufts Medical School; Dr. Percy Howe, director of the Forsythe Dental Infirmary; Dr. Leroy S. Miner, dean of Harvard Dental School, and Dr. William Rice, dean of Tufts Dental School.

The new Tufts Dental Infirmary is considered one of the finest in the world and was made possible by contributions of the alumni and friends of the school.

CURLEY AT CITY CLUB TONIGHT

"Founders' Night" will be observed tonight at the Boston City Club as the Thursday feature of the club's 25th anniversary week.

A dinner will be served in the auditorium, with Mayor Curley as principal speaker and with Edward A. Filene, one of the founders of the club, as presiding officer.

Admission will be by ticket, but guests will be permitted to attend.

Tomorrow night will be observed as "Ladies' Night," with dancing, a buffet supper and an entertainment. This will be open to ladies accompanied by members, on presentation of membership card. It will be in the main dining room and in the auditorium, with W. T. A. Fitzgerald, registrar of deeds, presiding.

TO SEND 40 BOYS TO B. C. GAME

Mayor Adds \$20 to Hood
Fund of \$100

The unemployment fund of the city of Boston was increased today to the extent of \$1220, of which \$1000 was contributed by the city of Boston Health Department, \$100 by the Ben Franklin Assembly, \$100 by the H. P. Hood & Sons' Mutual Benefit Association and \$20 by Mayor Curley.

Mayor Curley's contribution was to increase the \$100 from the Hood purchase 40 tickets at \$3 apiece for the Holy Cross-Boston College game on Thanksgiving afternoon. The tickets will be distributed to boys in the Working Boys' Home. The milkmen in making their contribution suggested that it be utilized to bring sunshine into the lives of others.

To boost along the game Mayor Curley today had a large sign placed across the front of City Hall advertising the event, stating the price of tickets. Unemployment relief is expected to be helped along by the game.

CITY'S NEW FIREBOAT PASSES ALL TESTS

Matthew J. Boyle Exceeds
Contract Requirements

The new fireboat Matthew J. Boyle, ordered constructed by Mayor James M. Curley to replace the old boat known as Engine 44, had its builder's trial trip yesterday, and exceeded every contract requirement as to speed, pump capacity and general availability for fire service.

For water delivery, the contract requirements called for 10,000 gallons a minute, while the tests yesterday drove 12,147 gallons through six of the seven big "guns" mounted on its decks. For speed, the contract called for 12 knots an hour, but over the measured course in the lower harbor, the new boat registered nearly 14 knots.

Following the tests, Fire Commissioner Edward F. McLaughlin and Henry A. Fox, chief of department, highly congratulated Edward E. Williamson, superintendent of repairs and construction, who had charge of the designing and building for the work, which was done at the yards of the George Lawley & Son Corporation at Neponset.

The new boat has a length over all of 125 feet and a beam of 29 feet 6 inches, and a loaded draft of 10 feet 6 inches. She is a steamer, with oil burning engines.

MAYOR "ASSISTS" DAUGHTER AT SALE



Mayor Curley and his daughter Mary examining toys at the sale held yesterday at the Curley home of articles made by disabled veterans. The sale, sponsored by Miss Curley, resulted in the selling of \$2000 worth of articles.

Sale of Disabled Veterans' Articles At Curley Home Nets Nearly \$2000

With Miss Mary Curley, daughter of Mayor Curley, as sponsor, a sale in the Curley home on Jamaica way yesterday of articles made by disabled veterans was so successful that the proceeds totalled nearly \$2000.

James C. Barry, a member of the executive committee of the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Exchange, through which Miss Curley made arrangements for the sale, said yesterday's success was the greatest the exchange had enjoyed since the sales were inaugurated in 1922.

Nearly 1000 attended the sale and a tea arranged by Miss Curley.

Toys, baby blankets, couch blankets, crib blankets, rugs, scarfs, silverwork, leatherwork, pewterware and bookends were among the articles made by the disabled veterans in hospitals in 28 states which were on sale in the Curley home during the day.

The toys sold most rapidly, but before the sale closed, about 6 o'clock,

almost all of the hundreds of articles on display had been sold. Comparatively few articles were priced higher than \$5.

Mayor Curley was himself present during the greater part of the afternoon, obviously having the utmost enjoyment in the success of his daughter's "party."

"It was hard work, but I enjoyed it, and I'm awfully pleased that it was so successful," Miss Curley said.

Among those who assisted Miss Curley were Mrs. James Duane, Mrs. Frank Long, Miss Mayline Donnelly, Miss Florence Hurley, Mrs. Edward MacCourt and Mrs. Baird Johnson.

Persons who attended included Mrs. Larz Anderson, Mrs. Curtis Guild, Mrs. Geoffrey Whitney, Mrs. Robert Lincoln O'Brien, Miss Edith Ticknor, Mrs. Carroll J. Swan, Mrs. Emma Lovejoy, Miss Anna Melody, Mrs. Edward L. Logan, Mrs. John Bottomley, Mrs. Edward M. Beals and Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer.

URGES BOY SCOUTS FIND WORK FOR IDLE

Mayor Asks They Record Jobless in District

That boy scouts of Boston record the unemployed of their districts, and then ring doorbells to find work for these men, and thus perform their "daily good deed," is the suggestion of Mayor Curley.

The suggestion was brought by the mayoral representative, Charles T. Harding, to the annual conference of the Boston Council of Boy Scouts meeting last night at the Hotel Westminster.

"Mayor Curley believes that it is more necessary than ever before that the boy scouts of this section be organized for emergency work," said Maj. Harding. "He suggests that the boy scouts bring a list of the unemployed in their districts and solicit work from the homes and from business people, and report back to the scoutmaster. Thus, the mayor feels, the scouts will be doing their good deed a day."

Among the speakers at the conference were John C. Brodhead, assistant superintendent of schools and chairman of the central court of honor of the scouts, who explained changes of procedure for the court, Richard Haring, chairman of the Brookline court of honor, David Martin and Douglas Oliver, two scouts who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson on their African expedition, Frederic S. Deane, former candidate for the Boston school committee, was toastmaster.

At the election the following were chosen:

President, Oliver Wolcott; vice-presidents, Charles E. Cotting, Edward A. McLaughlin, Jr., and Francis E. Frothingham; secretary, Hervey W. King; treasurer, W. D. Sohler, Jr., commissioner, Mr. Deane; national council representatives, James A. Nelson, President Wolcott, Robert S. Hale and Walter D. Brooks.

Members at large included I. Tucker Burr, Jr., Adolph Ehrlich, Mr. Nelson, Henry Parkman, Jr., Paul Clark, Simon E. Hecht, William V. Trevoay, Joseph Balch, Willis Beal, W. A. Coolidge, Merle G. Summers and S. St. John Morgan. The nominating committee was Mr. Cotting, chairman, Dudley N. Hartt, Maurice E. Lacey, Elmer Sterling.

CURLEY WILL SUPPORT \$5 WAGE MINIMUM

Mayor Curley, Atty.-Gen. Joseph E. Warner and Congressman John W. McCormack were speakers last night at the 46th annual banquet of the Ben Franklin assembly, Knights of Labor, composed of City of Boston employees, in Longfellow's hall, 214 Dudley street, Roxbury. Some 200 persons attended.

The mayor said that in the 31 years since he was elected to the city council the daily wage scale of workmen had increased from \$1.50 to \$5, and that he was firmly against any decrease from a \$5 minimum.

ON SALE TO AID FUND FOR DISABLED WAR VETERANS



MISS AGNES GOODE

MRS. JAMES DUANE

MISS MARY CURLEY

MRS. ED. MACCOURT

For the purpose of aiding the Disabled Ex-Service Men's Exchange, Miss Mary Curley and friends conducted a sale of toys, novelties and useful gifts, all the handwork of wounded vet-

erans, at the home of Mayor Curley, Jamaicaaway, today. Miss Curley is here shown with Miss Goode, Mrs. Duane and Mrs. MacCourt, holding some of the articles on sale. (Staff photo.)

SALE AT CURLEY HOME AIDS VETS

A large group of friends and acquaintances of Miss Mary E. Curley, daughter of Mayor James M. Curley, gathered at her home, 350 Jamaicaaway, today, to attend the tea and sale in aid of disabled veterans in various government hospitals throughout the nation.

The affair opened at 11 a. m. and will close at 6 p. m. It will be continued until later in the evening however, if there are any articles left to be sold.

A variety of toys, novelties and useful gifts, all the handwork of the disabled soldiers, was placed on sale. Each article is sold at the price set by its creator.

The articles on sale are not only a source of revenue to the veterans but likewise they keep them happily employed while in the hospitals.

New One on Curley, He's Given a Stick

Instead of presenting an Irish blackthorn stick to a distinguished visitor, Mayor Curley today was the recipient of one.

The visitor who established a precedent by carrying a war club to the mayor's office instead of taking one away was Allen Doone, a native of Dungarven, County Waterford, Ireland, who has acquired international fame as an actor and singer and who appears in Somerville next week in his sixth tour of the English speaking nations of the world.

Doone is a close friend of Mayor John J. Murphy of Somerville and he was accompanied by him today on his visit to Mayor Curley.

Garbage Contract Bids Are Opened

The Brooklyn Ash Removal Co. of Massachusetts was the low bidder today for both the five and 10-year contracts for garbage disposal in downtown Boston, Charlestown, Back Bay, South Boston and Roxbury.

The concern underbid the Coleman Disposal Co.

EXPERT FOR TUNNEL AIR

Harvard Professor to Get \$100 a Day

At a salary of \$100 a day, Professor C. Harold Derry of the Harvard Engineering School has been engaged by the Boston Transit Department to serve as an advisory expert in the installation of the ventilating system for the new \$16,000,000 East Boston traffic tunnel now under construction beneath the harbor.

Post 11/18/31

MAYOR TRIES HAND AS SOCIETY POURER

MRS. COOK

MAYOR CURLEY

DR. HELMS



GEORGE SIMON MARY HARBOUSH

Mayor Curley was high in his praise of Dr. E. J. Helms, executive secretary of the Goodwill Industries of the Morgan Memorial and director of that organization, for the work accomplished in his 36 years tour of duty. The mayor is pouring, while little Mary Harboush, the "bride," holds her cup as George Simon,

the "bridegroom," stands by. The children took part in the entertainment given in connection with the Junior League tea, at which the mayor spoke. Mrs. C. J. Cook, president of the auxiliary of the Morgan Memorial, and Dr. Helms are shown in the picture with Mayor Curley.

TRANSCRIPT

11/18/31

Score Tax Appeal Board as "Useless"

Charging that the newly created State Board of Tax Appeals "is of value only to the corporations and the wealthy," C. S. Hannaford, assessor of Braintree, attacked the board at the opening session of the forty-second annual convention of the Massachusetts Assessors' Association at the State House today. Mr. Hannaford contended that the board has been of no value to the rank and file of the taxpayers of the Commonwealth and the small homeowners "because neither know of its existence or if they do they have not the means to be represented before it."

John J. Casey of Cambridge, chairman of the legislative committee of the association, said that while he was not appearing as a defender of the board, he thought it might be well if criticism of the board were reserved until such a time as that body has had an opportunity of showing its worth or lack of worth. He felt that the local assessors are in a splendid position to be of assistance to their committees at the present time by

reason of the many local problems arising because of the present business depression. He suggested that the members devote all their attention to this phase of their work before going afeld to condemn State officials.

James Bennet, Lynn assessor, commended the suggestion made recently by Mayor Curley that the board should be abolished. In the absence of President Fred J. Lucey of Natick, who is ill, the sessions will be presided over by Vice President Adrian P. Cote of Brockton.

ENGAGED BY CITY AT \$100 A DAY

Prof. C. Harold Berry of the mechanical engineering department of Harvard was engaged yesterday by the transit commission with the approval of Mayor Curley, as advisory engineer at \$100 a day, in connection with the ventilating equipment of the East Boston tunnel.

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IRISH ACTOR PRESENTS CURLEY WITH SHILLELAH

Mayor Curley has presented scores of blackthorn sticks and shillelahs since his return from Ireland last Spring. Twice in that time, however, the tables have been turned on him, once when he was given a blackthorn walking stick and today when he was presented a shillelah.

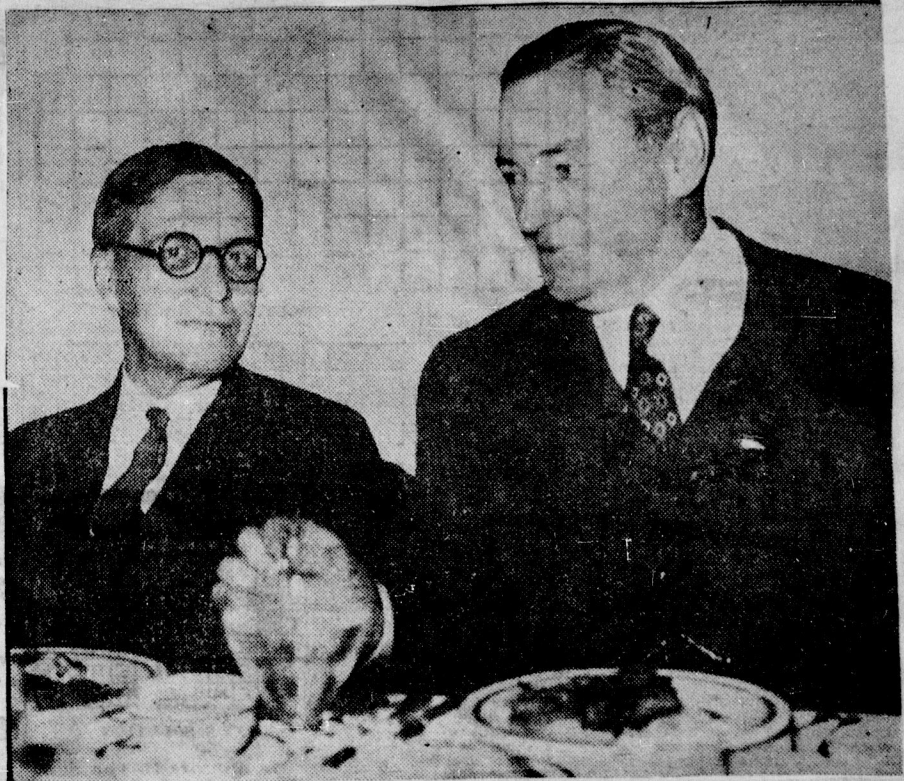
This morning Mayor John J. Murphy of Somerville visited Boston City Hall and introduced Allen Doone, Irish actor, who is opening at the Somerville Theatre next week.

"Mr Doone," said Mayor Murphy, "heard about your shillelahs." "Is that so?" asked Mayor Curley. "I'm sorry, but the supply has run out." "That's all right," replied Mr Doone, "this is a time to give rather than receive," and he presented Mayor Curley with a mean-looking Irish war club.

Politics Out!

Newton D. Baker, left, mentioned as Democratic Presidential possibility, shown with Mayor Curley, at Chamber of Commerce luncheon, declared he was "not politically-minded." He parried all questions about prospects of various candidate possibilities.

(Daily Record Photo)



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Coleman Not Low Bidder on Garbage

Brooklyn Ash Removal Company Outbids Present Holder of Ten-Year Contract

Five concerns submitted bids, opened at noon today at the office of the commissioner of Public Works, for the privilege of disposing of the garbage in Charlestown, South Boston, East Boston, Back Bay, the downtown district and parts of Roxbury and Dorchester, for the next five or ten years by contract. On each proposal the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company of Massachusetts was the low bidder, outbidding the present holder of the contract, Coleman Disposal Company.

Hope of awarding a new contract at a greatly reduced figure over that of the last ten years had been entertained by the city authorities, not only because of improved machinery and supposed economies in collection, but because of the belief that people are more careful nowadays in discarding material from the table. The Coleman company's contract for the last ten years was for \$3,790,000; today its proposal for another ten years was \$500,000 higher.

The Brooklyn Ash Removal Company

of Massachusetts is said to be headed by Charles Cranford, who was the controlling force in both the Boston Development Company and the Boston Sanitary Disposal Company which held the garbage contract for twenty years prior to the Coleman company's award ten years ago. Its bid for five years disclosed today was for \$2,250,000 or \$122,400 less than Coleman's bid. The Brooklyn company offered to take the contract for ten years at \$3,700,000, or \$374,000 less than the C. & R. Construction Company, the second lowest bidder, or \$519,900 less than the Coleman company.

When the time approached for the opening of the bids the small room of the commissioner in City Hall Annex was filled and many persons stood in the corridor. It is the custom in most of the city departments for the mayor's office to hold the key to the box containing the bids. It so happened today that one of the mayor's secretaries had the key in his pocket when called upon to visit the Curley home in the Jamaica way, and when the time came for opening the box it was necessary to break the lock.

The bids were as follows, with the stipulation of a wage of 62½ cents an hour, or the prevailing rate:

FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT

Brooklyn Ash Removal Co.	\$2,250,000
Coleman Disposal Co.	2,372,400
C. & R. Construction Co.	2,500,000
C. J. Maney Co.	2,598,000
Reynolds Bros., Inc.	2,850,000

TEN-YEAR CONTRACT

Brooklyn Ash Removal Co.	\$3,780,000
C. & R. Construction Co.	4,164,000
Coleman Disposal Co.	4,299,000
C. J. Maney Co.	4,763,000
Reynolds Bros., Inc.	5,115,000

The disposal plant is at Spectacle Island, a plant that is available to the winning contractor, but the machinery must be acquired in any change of contract.

MAYOR BOOSTS B. C.-H. C. GAME

Sends Thousands of Telegrams Throughout N. E.

Seeking to raise \$75,000 for the city's jobless by filling the Harvard Stadium to capacity at the Boston College-Holy Cross football game next week, Thursday, Mayor Curley last night sent out several thousand telegrams, through the courtesy of the Western Union, urging the public to attend the Thanksgiving grid battle and extending his best wishes for an enjoyable holiday.

The telegrams, addressed to the "public-spirited citizens of New England," read:

"The net proceeds of the Boston College-Holy Cross football game on Thanksgiving afternoon in the Harvard Stadium will be turned over to the welfare department of the city of Boston. This money is urgently needed to carry on the work of relief. If you can possibly attend this game you will be living up to the best New England traditions of Thanksgiving. Tickets at \$3 each are on sale at City Hall and all the leading stores. Best wishes for an enjoyable Thanksgiving."

Chairman Simon E. Hecht of the welfare trustees last night offered two free tickets to the schoolboy or girl offering the best suggestions for a selection to be played by the two college bands between the halves in celebration of the end of the depression. To be considered all these suggestions must reach the Mayor's office at City Hall in the last Friday week, and the winner will be selected.

SEES CITY TAX PROBE POSSIBLE

Mayor So Hints in Replying to Whiteside

Grand Jury investigation of the mounting claims for tax abatements against the city was hinted last night by Mayor Curley in a sharp reply to President Alexander Whiteside of the Massachusetts Tax Association, who is leading the drive for reduction in downtown real estate assessments.

CITES NEW YORK

In a public letter to Mr. Whiteside, who served as corporation counsel under Mayor Peters, the Mayor called attention to 70,000 abatement petitions filed in New York and the decision of the authorities to probe two corporations accused of soliciting tax clients in the manner of "ambulance chasers."

"I do not propose to allow such a racket to gain a foothold in the city of Boston, whether it be in the form of open and overt solicitation or in the guise of a reform movement," said the Mayor.

Branding the Massachusetts Tax Association as "Bourbonistic," the Mayor explained to Mr. Whiteside that "Bourbonism is not liquid refreshments, but the doctrine of those who, drunk with power, so selfishly conduct themselves in their desire for still greater power that they finally destroy themselves."

Says Assessments Fair

Claiming that Boston's real estate assessments were fair, the Mayor said that the net depreciation in valuations this year amounted to \$54,000,000, and that the assessors granted abatements on \$13,000,000 worth of property this year and \$28,000,000 last year.

Commenting on the Mayor's latest blast, Mr. Whiteside last night declared he was "not interested in the New York situation." "In regard to Bourbonism," he added, "I imagine the Mayor knows more about liquid refreshments than I do. As for the reduction in assessments this year, I would say that that is only a smoke-screen."

Mayor's Statement

In his latest reply to the former corporation counsel, the Mayor stated, in part:

"I am quite in accord with Alexander Whiteside, counsel for the Massachusetts Tax Association, that there is

a great difference between his pontifical and economic views and mine. He and his organization are expounding a theory of economics that results in private gain, while I am expounding a theory that has for its sole purpose the welfare and happiness of all the tax payers of the city of Boston.

"Lest an erroneous impression be created by the statements of Mr. Whiteside, I would inform him and his association that the Board of Assessors of the city of Boston, as well as myself, are fully cognizant of the real estate situation in this city. Perhaps the Massachusetts Tax Association does not appreciate that taxable values in the city of Boston for the year 1931 were approximately \$14,000,000 less than the year 1930, and that this was despite the fact that for the previous 10 years there had been an average annual increase of approximately \$40,000,000. The net result, therefore, is a decrease in valuation in Boston for the year 1931 of approximately \$54,000,000. So, too, the Massachusetts Tax Association might be interested to know that the Board of Assessors in this city has this year granted abatements on properties valued at approximately \$13,000,000, either on its own initiative, or by order of the courts or the State Board of Tax Appeals."

CURLEY BITTERLY ATTACKED BY DOWD

"Break" Laid to Failure to Support Gov. Allen

In a series of charges in which he linked Mayor Curley, Senator Michael J. Ward, City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan and John J. Curley, brother of the mayor, Councilman John F. Dowd of Roxbury, yesterday declared that his "break" with the mayor was due to his refusal to obey instructions to support ex-Gov. Frank G. Allen against Gov. Ely.

During a personal attack, which continued without interruption for 35 minutes, after Dowd had warned President Joseph McGrath of the council that he had prepared 24 different orders to circumvent any adverse parliamentary ruling, the councilman charged the mayor with illegally using the City Record for the furtherance of his "personal, private and political affairs."

Dowd, enraged because the mayor's radio address in which he asked defeat of the Roxbury representative as well as Councilmen Kelly and Norton, was published in the Record, called through the council, the attention of the mayor to the specific purposes for which the publication is issued.

"Curley is making the Record a Curley newspaper," said Dowd. "It is bad enough to put private matters in it but when a vilification of members of the city council is included, it is time to say something about it."

CITY TO SAVE \$115,000 ON BRIDGE PROJECTS

Unexpected saving of \$115,000 on three bridge construction projects will give Mayor Curley the opportunity to use that sum for some other permanent improvement financed by a loan order.

The city council yesterday

NO TICKETS FOR MAYOR OR COUNCIL

Must Pay to Witness School Gridiron Games

Mayor Curley and members of the Boston City Council will have to pay for their own tickets this year if they attend the schoolboy football games on Thanksgiving Day when English High and the Latin School, Dorchester High and the High School of Commerce, fight it out on the gridiron.

The School Board last night voted to restrict free tickets to members of these four teams.

NEED THE MONEY

In making the announcement, Chairman Joseph J. Hurley stated that the board regretted its inability to extend the usual courtesies to the Mayor and other city officials for the schoolboy games on Thanksgiving Day, but since the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court had ruled that no money appropriated for school purposes could be used to purchase athletic equipment, the board felt obliged to restrict the free ticket privilege so that receipts from the games would be sufficient to meet the expenses of the teams.

The only free tickets this year he said would be two reserved seats for each member of the four teams and a box for each of the four captains. The members of the school board, the Mayor, the Governor and all others who enjoyed complimentary tickets to these games in the past would have to pay for their tickets this year, he declared, if they want to attend.

It requires about \$6000 a year, he explained to support the teams. By restricting the free ticket privilege they figured to come out even, he stated.

the three original loan orders to make them comply with the actual costs of the bridge jobs. The Morton street bridge, estimated as a \$175,000 project, actually cost \$75,000, while \$10,000 was cut from the \$65,000 estimate of the cost of the Shawmut avenue bridge and \$5000 from the original authorization of \$35,000 for the Albany street bridge.

What Becomes of Your Money

The City's Way of Distributing Poor Relief

By Forrest P. Hull

IS Boston's help for the unemployed under proper control? This is the question that naturally assumes high importance with Mayor Curley's announcement that to meet the extraordinary period of distress, largely caused by unemployment, the city will dispense \$7,000,000 this year, or \$1,100,000 more than is now available. The expenditure will thus total three times that of normal years, and every effort on the part of the mayor is being directed toward the accumulation of a \$2,000,000 fund by private subscription to make good the deficit from the tax levy.

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The question may be answered most effectively by a discussion of the emergency with any one of the twelve members of the board of public welfare, headed by Simon Hecht, or with Walter V. McCarthy, secretary of the department. Let nobody assume that the operation of this huge undertaking to prevent or reduce the starvation point of thousands of citizens denied the privilege of earning a living is without fault. Rather should the inquisitor go about his task on the assumption that errors are bound to appear in so vast a program. But if there were many glaring instances of waste, extravagance or inefficiency the City Council would have exploited them months ago; and the State Department of Public Welfare would have added its voice to the chorus of disapproval.

If one has in his mind's eye an old-time business establishment suddenly avalanched by orders for its product he will establish a basis upon which to argue. Such was the case with the Public Welfare Department of the city of Boston when distress reared its ugly head two years ago. At that time the department was administering its work with a minimum of difficulty and under age-long statutes. An emergency had arisen. Things went from bad to worse in the homes and in the course of a year this worthy charity found itself in deep water. The system was working as usual, but the power behind it was inadequate.

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Today, that system, rigorously constructed with the experience of years, and all the scientific knowledge which the accumulated wisdom of charity has supplied, is still functioning, but with augmented power. If one visits the Public Welfare Department, Hawkins and Sudbury street, he will be impressed with several observations. First, that the office help has reached the saturation point for the space allotted (he does not know that outside quarters are operating); second, that a spirit of lively interest in every case of human suffering is apparent; third, that the plaintive tales of misfortune are rapidly, sympathetically and efficiently considered and relief imparted.

But these observations do not answer the question which every taxpayer and every contributor to the mayor's fund for relief is anxious to have answered. The

critical observer would go farther into his inquiry by interviewing the members of the Public Welfare Board and spending hours with its secretary, Mr. McCarthy. He is likely to emerge from such an investigation with a faith in their work. Farther he cannot go, unless he desires to take up a representative number of cases for personal investigation or consults with the State board workers and those of private charity organizations. If he makes all the consultations his faith is happily increased and he is apt to conclude that Boston is getting its money's worth in the expenditure of \$7,000,000 this year on those who are unable to help themselves.

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Bear in mind at the outset, that there are three types of aid under the control of the Public Welfare Department—mothers' aid, dependent aid, which includes unemployment and persons who are ill and not eligible for old-age assistance; and old-age assistance itself. In addition, there is the soldiers' relief aid, which is dispensed under another department. Mothers' aid will require \$800,000 this year, or \$40,000 more than last year, and soldiers' relief will require \$475,000 this year, or \$50,000 more than last year.

When a man out of work seeks aid from the city by application at the Public Welfare Department he fills out a rather elaborate card of questions. One of the fifty visitors immediately proceeds to investigate his condition. The job is to verify the application in every way—whether the man actually is out of work, whether he has any assets, income or equity in his home, and how many persons in the family must be cared for. A budget is figured for family requirements. This is the usual procedure of twenty years. The report is filed at headquarters and if the case is deemed worthy aid is immediately applied.

For the week ending Nov. 1 approximately 4400 men with families were being aided by the city because of unemployment. Of that number 2400 were employed in useful occupations for the city. Men receiving from \$8 to \$12 per week and those receiving from \$13 to \$15 per week were at work three days each week for the public works and the park departments. The remainder of the beneficiaries were either receiving less than \$8 a week or considered unfit, after medical examination, to perform any useful labor.

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When the visitors make their investigations of applicants their work in those particular cases is not ended. The investigation is continuous. The city is divided into fifteen districts and the visitors, all certified by the Civil Service Commission as to fitness, must maintain a constant survey over their charges. If a man under municipal assistance suddenly obtains a job and neglects to notify the department, the visitor, nine times out of ten, reports the case before there is the slightest raid on the treasury. The department has been operated with the aid of visitors for many years and never has one been found unworthy, according to Secretary McCarthy.

The magnitude of the municipal relief situation is more readily understood when it is known that the taxpayers are responsible for the dispensing of \$130,000 a week at present. This means that the city is providing for more than 20,000 persons, if the average family unit is considered. There were 105 applications for relief on Tuesday of this week, and of that number ninety-one were unemployed.

In addition there were 105 persons renewing applications, which means that as former beneficiaries they found themselves out of work again and were obliged to call upon the city for aid.

A note of criticism has been heard that the city is too liberal with its monetary aid. But the overseers of the Public Welfare, after detailed consideration, have decided that an allotment of from \$5 to \$15 a week is not too generous for those suffering from unemployment. For mothers' aid the schedule embraces an allotment of from \$20 to \$25 a week and for the old-age assistance, of which there are now 620 on the roll, a weekly allowance of from \$4 to \$12 a week.

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If there are critical minds who would question the integrity or the judgment of the Public Welfare Department visitors

there is still more evidence to bring to bear. A large number of cases handled by the city department are also subject to revision by the visitors of the State Department of Public Welfare, for the city receives in these cases reimbursement from the Commonwealth this year to amount to \$1,500,000. Moreover, there is the additional check by the numerous private charities whose work often overlaps. If further responsibility for the expenditure of the huge sum of \$7,000,000 this year is desired it is furnished, to a large extent, by the devotion and public interest of the trustees who, serving without remuneration, are in session two or three times a week.

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In making his appeal for public or private subscriptions to the Public Welfare Department, Mayor Curley has emphasized the fact that the present crisis is the greatest Boston has ever faced and that every instinct of humanity should prompt generous gifts. To date, the private offerings have amounted to \$50,392.14. All private contributions are received by Charles J. Fox, budget commissioner, and sent to the collection department, where they are listed in a special fund for the unemployed, from which the overseers of the Public Welfare make their drafts.

The mayor has set the figure of \$2,000,000 as the minimum amount desired to relieve the treasury. The fund was started by the receipts accruing from the Boston American and Boston National League ball game in September, which netted \$22,291.50. This was followed by a contribution of \$21,656.69 from the Sears Roebuck Company and still further followed by contributions from several of the largest city departments—public works, \$871½; police, \$6281; fire, \$4704. Mayor Curley has already contributed \$1040 himself and all city departments are responding most acceptably to the mayor's appeal that they contribute from 1 to 4 per cent of their salaries.

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CURLEY MAKES \$500 CLUB HIT

Presents Cash From 25
Who Would Join

Mayor Speaks at Observance
of Boston City's 25th Year

The most popular incident at the 25th anniversary observance of the founding of the Boston City Club last evening was the presentation to the club by Mayor Curley of a canvas bag containing 500 jingling silver dollars, accompanied by applications for membership from 25 candidates among his friends.

The applause was loud and long when he made the announcement a few moments before the gathering adjourned after a dinner and a series of reminiscent addresses by old members in the auditorium of the clubhouse.

The Mayor declared that the City Club will be needed during the coming 25 years to help in the discussion and solution of the grave problems now before the Nation, as much as it was needed during the first 25 years of its existence, just completed.

As a member of the general committee on the observance of the anniversary, he urged continuation of the drive for increased membership in the club as one means of creating a public sentiment "that shall render machines the servants of man, rather than man the slave of machines, and shall reduce the length of the working week and day to correspond with the situation brought about by labor-saving machinery."

Mayor Reminisces

The Mayor evoked a great laugh from the 400 members present by a reminiscence of his first visit to the original clubhouse, on Beacon st, when, as he recalled, shortly after his first election as Mayor, 250 members of the club filed by him, shook his hand and remarked, in almost every case: "I congratulate you on your election, though I did not vote for you."

Edward A. Filene, to whom the club is said to have owed its inception, was toastmaster and chief speaker. He declared that his determination to start the club was due to a study on his part to ascertain the basic cause of the defeat of many proposed improvements that would have been for the best interests of Boston.

He found, he continued, that the greatest difficulty lay in traditional prejudices between various classes, races and religious groups, to whose prejudices selfish men appealed at the polls.

The City Club seemed to offer the best method of overcoming such prejudices, the speaker averred, and many other men of various types, who believed the same, joined in starting the club, "which was different from any other, in not trying to push definite measures, but in using every means of making its members understand both sides of any question of local or national importance."

Says Club Too Conservative

After recalling names of leading bankers, professional and business men who were among the founders, and crediting the late James J. Storrow with having given \$25,000, one-half the fund needed for initial financing, that Lieut Gov William S. Youngman was first secretary, and the present Justice Louis D. Brandeis was a founder, Mr Filene asserted that the City Club was the first in Boston that was an attractive organization for men of all types and viewpoints.

The speaker believed it a mistake that the club had in recent years become so conservative as to lose some of the benefits that were formerly helpful. "It missed the free give-and-take discussions of old."

He thought that daily attendance today falls to include as wide a range of different types as formerly. He intimated that there is now less opportunity to hear all sides of every question than formerly.

As a satisfactory resume of what the City Club accomplished in the way of education for its members and the general public service during one of its early years, Mr Filene read a Boston Globe editorial of May 14, 1912, in which the club was termed "the largest and the most democratic one in Boston," the membership then having been 3000.

Sees Club a "University"

Mr Filene acknowledged that daily resort to the City Club at that period had made him and his fellow-members "broader in their thinking and wiser in the ways of the world. They found that much of the progress they had dreamed of could be actually accomplished through the combined wisdom of all the elements composing the city."

The speaker regarded the City Club as "a city university," inasmuch as "it brought together men of good will of all classes and vocations, and thus breaks down prejudices which are at the bottom of many social and economic troubles."

He said further: "If the City Club is to fulfill its great purpose it must keep eternally young, a new outlook being the only true preserver of prosperity and progress."

"We are passing through the greatest and most rapid changes the world has ever known, a period which history probably will name the second industrial revolution. We are in a special crisis and the City Club should again emphasize its basic principles. By doing so it can be of the utmost service."

"This Nation has at least 7,000,000 people out of work. More millions have lost their savings through speculation. In all parts of the country there is a determination among the voters, based largely on resentment, to do something about it. In the State and national Legislatures we are facing the danger of hasty legislation which is likely to be more radical than anything we ever had before."

CURLEY TO AID AT V. F. W. MAT SHOW

Mayor Chairman of Hub
Committee on Carnival

Mayor Curley has accepted the invitation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to serve as honorary chairman of the city of Boston committee for the wrestling carnival to be conducted Thanksgiving night in the Boston Arena, to make possible the erection of a Massachusetts cottage at the V. F. W. National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Public-spirited citizens are financially aiding the cause. Boxes for the carnival have already been purchased by Mayor John J. Murphy of Somerville, Mayor Michael C. O'Neill of Everett, Representative and Councilor-elect William Barker of East Boston, Teddy Glynn, Matchmaker Alex MacLean and others.

The Department of Massachusetts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has purchased several boxes as have the Corp Gordon E. Denton Post, Boston; Lieut Joseph Wehner Post of Everett and units of the Auxiliary.

MAYOR CURLEY 57 YEARS OLD

Office Filled With Gifts on
His Birthday

Mayor Curley is 57 today, and his office in City Hall, filled with flowers and gifts, attested in a small way the affection for him. There were great baskets and bouquets of chrysanthemums, roses and other flowers, books, smokes and numerous other gifts, including two choice examples of Italian pottery, brought from Italy by his secretary, Frank Pedonti, who returned last night.

There was a birthday cake, large and beautifully frosted, the gift of children of the Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children, St Botolph st.

Annually the youngsters are the guests of Mayor Curley at the March 17 parade in South Boston. They baked the cake at the school and today a committee of the pupils, Alice Saliba, South End; Helen Hedenberg, Brookline; George Vlau, Roxbury; John Green, Dorchester, and Bertram Schild, South End, came to City Hall and presented the gift.

Mayor Curley thanked the children and made arrangements for all the pupils to have a matinee at a theatre near the school. When the boys and girls left the executive chamber, they carried back to school the choicest of the floral gifts received by the Mayor this morning.

The Mayor plans a quiet birthday and after speaking at the luncheon his noon at the City Club in connection with the Holy Cross-Boston College football game on Thanksgiving Day, he planned to go to his home for dinner with his family.

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value of these properties, that if the matter is one of conjecture and guesswork the State Board of Tax Appeals is in no better position to determine the value of these properties than the Board of Assessors of the city of Boston, and in the event of such a situation, a State tribunal such as the Board of Tax Appeals should support the local Board of Assessors whenever possible.

"The Board of Tax Appeals finds the value of the property in question to be \$21,000,000, and this notwithstanding the fact that the gas company filed a sworn return to the commissioner of

fair cash value of the property, as we have found it. In our judgment, would enable a purchaser to secure a satisfactory rate of return, and meet the test of market conditions."

"How this board, by the wildest stretch of imagination, could determine what rate of return would result from the fair cash value of underground pipes, mains, etc., of this company, so as to enable a purchaser to secure a satisfactory rate of return, is beyond the realms of all fair reasoning. The decision itself indicates the impossibility of such a determination. A layman familiar with the properties of a gas company, would have no difficulty whatsoever in realizing that it is impossible to determine the fair cash value of underground mains, pipes, etc., of this company in order to base upon such value a satisfactory rate of return.

TAX APPEAL BOARD IN ITS FIRST YEAR

The State Board of Tax Appeals, created by the 1930 Legislature, Acts of 1930, Chapter 416, first started to function early this year. Its members are Alexander Holmes of Kingston, chairman; Alexander Lincoln of Boston, John D. Wright of Brookline, George K. Pond of Greenfield, clerk.

corporations and taxation for the years 1929 and 1930 and in the returns under oath stated that the value of these particular properties was \$24,065,204 and \$25,361,200, respectively.

Accepts Company's Theory

"Because of the impossibility of definitely determining the value of these mains, pipes, etc., of the gas company, two theories of valuation were presented to the Board of Tax Appeals, one by the gas company and one by the Board of Assessors. Both these theories of valuation necessarily had to be conjectural and to some extent uncertain. Yet the State Board of Tax Appeals very quickly disposes of the accepted practice of the Board of Assessors of Boston, which has been in vogue for years, and accepts and sustains the theory of the gas company.

"The Board of Tax Appeals admits that in order to determine the value of these underground mains, pipes, conduits, etc., it is necessary to determine the value of the entire property of the company by ascertaining what a willing buyer would pay for it. It admits that there was no evidence whatsoever submitted to it as to what a willing buyer would pay for the assets of the entire company.

"Even if there was such evidence before the board of what a willing buyer would pay for the assets of the entire company, it is beyond understanding and comprehension how this board could, with any degree of accuracy, determine what that willing buyer would pay for the mains, conduits and pipes, aside from the valuation of the rest of the gas company's property. This indicates the absurdity of the finding of the Board of Tax Appeals of a definite amount as the value of the property involved in the controversy.

Calls Basis Fantastic

"In its struggle to find for the Gas Company, the Board of Tax Appeals stated that it had to consider the past, present and prospective price which the Gas Company is permitted to charge for its gas, by reason of its being subject to State control, as well as by reason of the competition of other forms of heat-producing energy. This is a fantastic basis for determining the valuation of such properties as underground mains, conduits and pipes.

"The most outrageous portion of the decision of the Board of Tax Appeals is the statement that the gas company

Conclusions Absurd

"So, too, the conclusion of this board that the fair cash value of these underground pipes, mains, etc., as determined by the board, meets the test of market conditions, is absurd and unwarranted. It would have been much more honest if this board had openly stated that it wanted to help the gas company to the extent of over \$100,000, and merely arrived at an arbitrary figure of valuation so that it could give this money back to the company.

"I am not surprised, however, at the decision of the Board of Tax Appeals, for it is consistent with the policy of this board to aid large and wealthy corporations, regardless of the effect of this act upon the small property owners of the city of Boston.

"A few more decisions of this kind will create such a public furore that public opinion will drive these men from the board and create a legislative demand for the abolition of this board and the return of its functions to the proper tribunal, the Board of Assessors, with an appeal to the courts to correct any errors made by the local board.

"I can only say that if the public does not rise up in protest at once against the actions of this board, the inevitable result will be increased valuation upon small home owners, in order to bear the burden which has been placed upon them as a result of the actions of this unfair and biased board, created by selfish interests, and whose decisions it is clear are always in favor of these same interests who were responsible for the board's creation. The public should awake before it becomes too late and irreparable damage is done."

Detroit Mayor to Speak At Ford Hall Forum

Mayor Frank J. Murphy of Detroit, who will be the chief speaker at the Ford Hall Forum Sunday night, will arrive in Boston tomorrow morning and will pay his respects to Mayor Curley at 11 o'clock by appointment. Mayor Murphy and United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana will be dinner guests of former Mayor Andrew J. Peters at the latter's home Sunday.

Mayor Curley has accepted an invitation to attend the Sunday evening forum meeting and many of the mayors of surrounding cities will also be present.

Curley Asks Tax Appeal Board Probed

Charging that the action of the State Board of Tax Appeals in deciding against the city of Boston in every case regardless of facts and figures justified the belief that a "tax abatement racket" was in full operation, Mayor Curley yesterday demanded a grand jury investigation of the state board.

In a letter to Dist. Atty. Foley, the mayor submitted a list of cases with the findings and a transcript of similar cases now being investigated by the district attorney of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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"This drastic action is due to accumulative findings of the Board in cases that have been tried before it. In every single case the opinions, recommendations and findings of the Boston board of assessors have been over-ridden.

Arbitrary valuations, based on recommendations of real estate experts employed by property owners, culminated today with a decision of the state board for an abatement of \$3,500,000 on property of the Boston Consolidated Gas Co.

"Unless this policy is checked, there is the ever present possibility of a repetition of the Chicago situation, with financial chaos."

Curley Congratulates Tunneys on Son's Birth

Mayor Curley was one of those who yesterday wired their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tunney upon the birth of their first child. His message reads: "Kindly accept my hearty congratulations upon the birth of the first son of the House of Tunney. May every happiness and blessing attend you."

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MAYOR ASKS GRAND JURY TAX PROBE

Acts After \$107,800
Abatement to Gas
Company

Declares Appeal Board
Champion of Wealth

Financial Chaos Sure
Unless Its Action
Is Curbed

Mayor Curley last night called for a grand jury investigation of cases of abatement of taxes by the State Board of Tax Appeals.

In a letter to District Attorney William J. Foley of Suffolk county, the Mayor declared that abatements of taxes by the board warrants such action, to determine whether a "racket" is in operation here in procuring reductions of taxes.

The demand for grand-jury action, which would amount to grand-jury investigation of the State Board of Tax Appeals itself, was the Curley response to the board's official communication of its reduction of the assessment on the personal property of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company from \$24,000,000, as set by the Boston Board of Assessors, to a new figure of \$21,000,000, hereby ordering an abatement of \$107,800 to be paid back to the company from the city treasury.

The Mayor's letter to District Attorney Foley said:

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"I beg to submit herewith a list of the cases, with the findings in each case, and also a transcript of cases similar in character now being investigated by the district attorney at Brooklyn, N. Y. A review of the transcript of the Brooklyn situation and an investigation of the cases that have been

heard before the State Board of Tax Appeal in Massachusetts, in my opinion, justifies a grand-jury investigation, since, apparently, this is the only means available at present for providing the necessary measure of protection to the municipality and the citizenship of Boston."

"Champion of Wealth"

Before deciding to demand grand jury action, Mayor Curley had issued a withering attack on the State board, declaring it the champion of wealth and corporations at the expense of the small home owner, unfair and arbitrary and basing its decisions on unsound and absurd theories. He declared that this latest decision, like all those which preceded it, would arouse the public to abolition of the board. His statement also included the threat that the board's actions would of necessity bring increased valuations on small properties and homes.

The Mayor pointed to investigation of so-called tax abatement "rackets" in New York, declaring that cumulative findings of the Massachusetts State Board of Tax Appeals warrant action to find out if a similar "racket" is in full swing here.

The Mayor's statement, which accompanied announcement that he had asked District Attorney Foley to start a grand jury inquiry into tax appeal board cases, was a vigorous one. Given out at his office in City Hall, it said:

Justifies Investigation

"After further examination, His Honor the Mayor, today, directed to the attention of the District Attorney of Suffolk county the findings in tax appeal cases presented to the State Tax Board, and submitted, in connection therewith, not only a list of cases affecting valuations in Boston, but a transcript, as appeared in the New York Times, of a racket in tax appeal cases in New York.

"In the opinion of the Mayor, the finding of the State Board of Tax Appeal justifies an investigation at once by the grand jury of Suffolk county, with a view of ascertaining if a racket is in operation in the matter of securing a revision in the matter of abatement of taxes upon properties in the city of Boston.

"This drastic action upon the part of the Mayor is due to accumulative findings of the board in cases that have been tried before it. In every single case the opinions, recommendations and findings of the Boston board of assessors, who, under the law, are charged with the determining of valuations placed on property located in the city of Boston, have been overridden and arbitrary valuations, based upon recommendation of real estate experts, employed by property owners, seeking an advantage to which they are not justifiably entitled, and which service is prohibitive to small home owners, culminated, today, in a decision of the State Board of Tax Appeal for an abatement of \$3,500,000 upon conduits, mains, pipes and other underground apparatus, the property of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company.

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"The Koppers Company of Pittsburg, of which Andrew Mellon is the guiding spirit, has, since taking over the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, expended millions in the development and extension of the property. Notwithstanding this fact, applications for reduction in assessment of valuation of properties now in control of the Koppers Company, formerly the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, have been requested. Unless this policy is checked, there is the ever present possibility of a repetition of the Chicago situation, with financial chaos."

The list of cases forwarded to District Attorney Foley were the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, reduced \$3,500,000 in yesterday's communication; the Boston & Maine railroad, reduced \$1,089,100, and J. C. L. Dowling, et als., Hanover street property, reduced \$61,300, in assessed valuations.

Many cases were appealed to the State Board of Tax Appeals and were heard. In a number of instances, agree-

Board Acts Upon Evidence, Says Holmes

Chairman Alexander Holmes of the State Board of Tax Appeals said last night that any investigation by properly constituted authority would be welcomed by the board.

"Cases before the board are heard on the evidence presented," he said. "They are tried in accordance with the evidence; that's all. The Boston Consolidated Gas Company appeal was one of them, and the issue there was decided upon the evidence, just as any case before us. The company's witnesses and the city's witnesses testify, and the evidence of each side is presented. I have no other comment to make."

ments were made between the parties in controversy and the approval of the State Board was ministerial in nature. However, of other cases heard, decisions were announced in the three above, and these three were the ones referred to by the Mayor for grand jury investigation.

"Catering to Wealth"

Earlier in the day the Mayor lashed out at the State Board in uncompromising language.

"The State Board of Tax Appeals has just rendered its decision in the case of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company vs. the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston," he said, "and has reduced the assessment on the personal property of this company from \$24,500,000 to \$21,000,000, thereby ordering an abatement of \$107,800 to be paid this company from the city treasury.

"An examination of the decision in this case clearly indicates a struggle on the part of the Board of Tax Appeal to make its finding in favor of the gas company. It is a further indication of the catering by this board to wealth at the expense of the small home owner and further supports the contention made by me and by Assessor Hannaford of Braintree and Assessor Bennett of Lynn who before the Massachusetts Assessors Association in convention assembled, yesterday, recommended the abolition of this board as one which exists for the benefit of wealth and the corporations and which has been of no use to the rank and file, or to the small householder.

Guessed at Values

"In its decision, the Board of Tax Appeals indicated very clearly that it had to guess at the value of the personal property of this company, which consisted chiefly of mains, pipes, conduits, etc., which were used by the company not only for the sale of gas in the city of Boston, but in other cities and towns served by the Boston Consolidated Gas Company.

"It is quite apparent to the average person, having no familiarity with the

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City Club is to fulfill its purpose it must keep eternally young. He said that today more than ever before there is need for knowing the facts on all sides of each question.

"In the State and national legislatures we are facing the danger of hasty legislation which is likely to be more radical than anything we ever had before," he declared. "Our coming session of the Massachusetts Legislature is going to deal not only with unemployment, but also with highly technical operations of public service companies, of business and finance, much of which is not adequately understood, either by voters or the legislators."

Attract Younger Men

In closing Mr. Filene advocated making the club attractive to the younger men who are just starting to earn incomes and to increase the out-of-town membership.

He told the members that if they would hold firmly to the basic principles on which their club was built, presenting all sides of every current question, they could be confident of success in the future with wider fields of service opened to them.

Mayor Curley in his address said that the time seems ripe to introduce the shorter working week and the shorter working day.

He told of being entertained by the City Club in 1914 when he was elected Mayor and added: "Of the 250 members who shook hands with me that night, 229 said, 'I wish you success but I did not vote for you.'"

NEGLECTED TO NOTIFY MAYOR

Eject "Committee of Unemployed" from City Hall

A group of 15 men, styling themselves a "committee of the unemployed," called at Mayor Curley's office at 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon, declaring they had an appointment with the Mayor, and when they found no record of such an appointment and Curley gone, made a disturbance which got them ejected by a policeman.

Earlier in the day word had been sent to newspaper offices that the "Unemployed Council of Boston" had decided to send a committee to see Mayor Curley, and had "sent word" to have the Mayor ready to receive it at 4:30. The Mayor's office said it had received no such notice, and the Mayor went to an appointment of his own with a dentist.

The "Unemployed Council" announced its meeting to choose a committee for 3 p. m. at 751 Washington street, and the group went from there to City Hall.

When it was learned that the Mayor was gone, the group started shouting: "The Mayor of Boston won't see the unemployed," and shouted so loud that one of the uniformed policemen on duty in the hall ordered the men out. They went without resistance.

BAKER'S VISIT TO BOSTON

[From the Portland Press Herald]

Newton D. Baker, President Wilson's war secretary, visited Boston recently. Why he made this visit does not appear. Mr. Baker said he was not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President. He didn't come to Massachusetts to discuss politics. It was just a friendly visit, he said. But it must be admitted that it was somewhat strange that Mr. Baker from Ohio chose to visit Boston for the first time when the leaders of the Democratic party in that State are lining up support for several men whose names are quite likely to be presented at the Democratic National Convention.

Mayor Curley of Boston is an ardent supporter of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York. Governor Ely of Massachusetts is not reckoned as a Roosevelt man. Senator Walsh is suspected of being lukewarm about the New York governor.

Mr. Baker's visit to Boston has been estimated to have been a success. Governor Ritchie, on the contrary, did not make such a favorable impression there, although what he had to say about the Eighteenth Amendment, which Mr. Baker did not refer to in his speeches, was acceptable to the former supporters of Al Smith.

It is very evident from all this that there will be a fight in Massachusetts for the delegation to the national convention. Governor Roosevelt will not be permitted to run away with Massachusetts, although he will have the backing of Mayor Curley. If there is a fight in Massachusetts there will also be a contest in some of the other New England States. It may be that the fight will also materialize in Maine, where Governor Roosevelt's friends expect the delegation to be unanimous in his favor.

But it cannot be denied that Newton D. Baker will be a formidable opponent of Governor Roosevelt in the approaching Democratic convention. Judging from newspaper comments, Baker's strength is increasing. He is an able man, comes from a great State, which has many delegates in the national conventions and many electoral votes. It seems certain that Baker must be reckoned with, even though it is claimed by some political writers that Roosevelt now has enough delegates tied up to insure his nomination on the first ballot.

Noisy Jobless at City Hall Ejected

Fifteen men, who said they were a committee representing Boston's unemployed, were ejected from City Hall by police late yesterday, after they had demanded to see Mayor Curley and refused to accept word that he had left the building.

John Shaughnessy and William L. Anderson of the mayor's secretarial staff told the group that they could make a formal appointment to meet the mayor, but they declined to take the usual procedure.

When they began shouting "Curley won't see the unemployed," Patrolman Thomas Brown, on duty in the hall, ordered them out of the building. When they refused to leave they were unceremoniously ejected.

CITY CLUB HOLDS FOUNDER'S NIGHT

Edward A. Filene Urges Good Will—Youngman Also Speaks

CURLEY PROVIDES DRAMATIC CLIMAX

A gala banquet with speeches by prominent Bostonians featured "Founder's Night" at the Boston City Club last night, as part of the week long celebration of the 25th anniversary of the club. Edward A. Filene, Boston merchant and co-founder of the club with the late James J. Storrow, presided with Walter Powers, president of the club, as chairman of the general committee.

Mr. Filene, the first speaker of the evening, traced the rise of the club and spoke of the present condition and needs of the organization. "Our business," he said, "is the bringing together of men of good will from all classes, all vocations, races and religions, in order that they may come to know each other and thereby break down the class and group prejudices which are at the bottom of so many of our social and economic troubles. At this moment more than ever before there is need for the fearless presentation of all sides of each question with the facts free from class or traditional prejudices. Here is the sort of job for which the City Club was founded. We must hold fast to the re-basic principles of the club."

Lt.-Gov. William S. Youngman, first secretary of the club, spoke feelingly of the influence of James Jackson Storrow, who in addition to being instrumental in founding the club was president from 1915 to 1917. A telegram from Mrs. Storrow, wishing the club well, was read and received great applause.

It was left to Mayor Curley to provide the climax of the evening. This his honor did in dramatic fashion. At the conclusion of his speech on the duty of the club to build up membership and continue its liberal policies for the future, the mayor dumped a bag of 500 silver dollars on the speakers' table. At the same time he exhibited a certificate containing the names of 25 new applicants for membership which he had collected and whose initiation fees were represented by the coins. Wild enthusiasm greeted this gesture.

Other speakers were Chairman Powers, Bernard J. Rothwell, who introduced Mr. Filene; Carroll J. Swan, B. F. Felt, and W. T. A. Fitzgerald, who spoke of interesting personalities the club has known. At the speakers' table, in addition to the men already mentioned, were March G. Bennett, Prof. Charles B. Breed, Dr. William C. Crawford, Jeremiah E. Downey, John J. Cassidy, Carl Dreyfus and Melville D. Liming.

Tonight will be "Ladies' Night" at the club with dancing and entertainment from 8 until midnight.

CITY CLUB HOLDS FOUNDERS' NIGHT

Mayor Curley Presents 25 Applications With 500 Silver Dollars—
E. A. Filene Reminisces



The high character and lofty ideals of the men who organized the Boston City Club were recalled last night and the present members were urged to continue this institution in its high place in the community, at a "Founders' Night" observation which marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the club.

MAYOR PRESENTS 25 NAMES

Mayor Curley furnished a dramatic climax to the events of the evening when he pulled up a heavy bag from under the head table and dumped 500 silver dollars on the banquet board which he presented to the club with membership applications of 25 "reputable citizens."

"I started only yesterday afternoon," said the Mayor, "and with a little more time I could have easily brought in 50 new members."

Edward A. Filene, who with the late James J. Storrow was instrumental in founding the club, presided at the banquet and gave an interesting account of the early days of the organization and the men who were active in its work. Walter Powers, who is now president of the club, said the club had a proud record and would be inspired to greater achievements by the anniversary observances.

Telegram From Mrs. Storrow

Carroll J. Swan regaled the members with some of the best jokes introduced at the club shows and Lieutenant-Governor William S. Youngman gave a brief account of the activities and human qualities of Mr. Storrow. Registrar of Deeds William T. A. Fitzgerald told the audience of some of the personalities that made up the club membership. A telegram of congratulation from the widow of Mr. Storrow was read to the guests.

Mr. Filene stated that there were many clubs in Boston when the Boston City Club was founded. He said that his own part in the birth of the organization arose from a study which he made to find what was basically the cause of the defeat of so many progressive movements for necessary improvement. He said the city at that time was organized along class lines and after conferring with men who were interested in the progress of the city, they agreed to found the City club.

Purpose of City Club

"The purpose of the Boston City Club," he said, "was to bring together men of all creeds, races and vocations in a friendly club spirit so they might come to know each other and thereby break down the barriers that existed between them. Our club was and is accessible to all men of good character and good will toward our city, State and nation."

"We discussed important topics of the day, always with ample opportunity to hear both sides of every important question," he continued. "We never needed a membership drive. The prestige of the leaders who became our first members and of others who later joined, including the presidents and executive officers of other leading clubs and organizations, was sufficient to bring in new members and the benefit they derived from the club was sufficient to hold them. We maintained a long waiting list year after year."

Mr. Filene stated that if the Boston

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MAYOR 57; GETS MANY GIFTS

Six crippled children, a committee from the Industrial School for Crippled Children, today paid touching tribute to Mayor Curley with presentation of a huge cake for his 57th birthday.

It was one of scores of gifts received at City Hall in honor of the event.

The mayor opened the day at mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Jamaica Plain. Later he attended the weekly lecture of Prof. Robert E. Rogers of M. I. T., Boston Evening American special writer.

Tonight he will preside over a dinner party at his Jamaica way home

MAYOR GIVEN BIG SURPRISE

Presented with Birthday Cake by Crippled Children

An unexpected gift to Mayor Curley, and an equally unexpected gift from the mayor in return, marked the 57th birthday of the city's chief executive today.

On arrival at his office at City hall this morning, the mayor found his quarters literally stacked with boxes of cigars, baskets of flowers, books galore and many other presents, including fine samples of Italian pottery, brought from Italy only yesterday by Frank Pedonti, a member of the mayor's office staff.

But the best gift of the day, in the mayor's opinion, came when six children from the Industrial School for the Crippled and Deformed on St. Botolph street arrived at City hall and presented the mayor with a large birthday cake which they had prepared for the occasion.

Dropping all other considerations, the mayor at once set himself to entertain his diminutive guests to show his thanks and, after they had concluded a visit which virtually halted proceedings at City Hall, he arranged to have them attend a theatre during the afternoon as his guests. He also gave them the largest basket of flowers he could find among his gifts to take back to their school.

This evening Mayor Curley intends to pass his time with his family at home, where he will partake, as usual, in a small family birthday celebration.

THEATRICAL POST A. L. TO INSTALL

The Lt. A. Vernon Macaulay post, No. 270, American Legion, will install officers this evening in the Imperial ballroom of the Hotel Statler. The honorary committee, consisting of motion picture managers, exhibitors and circuit hands, will be in charge of the entertainment and dancing. Mayor Curley, Gov. Ely, the commandant of the First Naval district, and other dignitaries will be present.

The Stoneham American Legion degree team will take charge of the installation. The following officers will be installed: Thomas Cady, present commander; James H. Sheeran, incoming officer; G. S. Jeffrey, senior vice-commander; Carl Crawford, junior vice-commander; Frank J. A. McCarthy, adjutant; William H. McLaughlin, finance officer; Tomas Jennings, sergeant-at-arms; James Donovan, welfare officer; Dr. Burton, service officer, and Thomas Cady, executive committee chairman. The honorary committee consists of Louis M. Boas, Al Somerby, Tom Bailey, Ross Cropper, Herman Rifkin, Harry Asher, Joe Roth, Sam Davidson, Joe McConville, Abe Montague, T. B. Spry, James Dermandy, E. M. Loew, Charles Stern, Morris Wolf, Phil Smith, Charles Morse, M. J. Mullins, Harry McDonald, Joe Brennan, Victor Morris, and Stanley Sumner.

CURLEY CHARGE UP TO FOLEY

Dist. Atty. William J. Foley today received and began a study of Mayor Curley's charges that "possibly a tax-abatement racket system is in full operation at the present time."

In connection with his charges, attacking the State Board of Tax Appeals for its reduction of the Boston Consolidated Gas Co. tax from \$24,500,000 to \$21,000,000, the mayor asked for a grand jury investigation of many similar abatement cases.

The gas company's reduction will necessitate the city's returning \$107,800 to the gas company.

"I have just received the mayor's letter containing his charges," said Dist. Atty. Foley, "but I have not yet had opportunity to study them thoroughly. I must consider them and examine the evidence before any action can be taken."

Who Park in Boston?

INTERESTED to learn who park their cars in Boston streets, particularly at free parking places, the Boston Traveler sent out a staff man to see what he could see.

The reporter visited Dorchester avenue, near the South station; Charles street, Newbury street, Beacon street, the Park square district, the North station area and Beacon Hill.

Out of 408 machines parked, but 22 were registered from Boston addresses. All were passenger cars. Nearly 95 per cent. were from out of town. Incidentally, there was not the slightest indication that any of these cars was parked illegally.

We are glad that men and women ride in from out of town to do business in Boston. Without their co-operation Boston would not be the great city it is today. But is there no other conclusion to be drawn from this little survey which discloses so overwhelming a proportion of out-of-town cars?

Do these cars add to the hazard in Boston in such a way as to place the Boston owner in positions where, because of the congestion of traffic, he is more liable to get into accidents? And how many of the parkers park all day? How many are workers who take out of Boston much more than they leave here, who work in Boston and spend practically all their earnings in their home town? We do not know the answer. We are merely musing on the facts.

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BOARD OF TAX APPEAL SCORED

No Use to Small House Holders, Says Brain- tree Assessor

During the opening session of the Massachusetts Assessors Association's 42d annual convention at the State House today, C. S. Hannaford, who has been a member of the Braintree assessors for many years, attacked the state board of tax appeal.

He said the only ones who benefit from the board are either those of wealth or corporations, and that the board has been of no use to the rank and file or to small house holders because they either did not know of the board's existence or else did not have the means to be represented before it.

James Bennett of the Lynn Assessors Association supported Hannaford. He also commended the suggestion made by Mayor Curley that the board be abolished. James J. Cassey of Cambridge, chairman of the legislative committee of the association, said that he did not appear as a defender of the board, but that he thought that it should not be criticized until it had had more time to show what it could do, as it had only been in existence for about a year.

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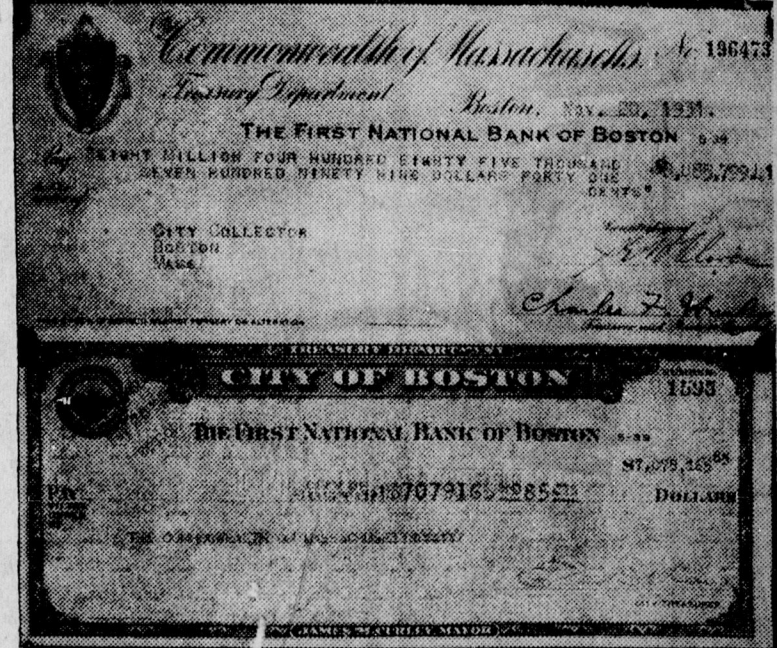
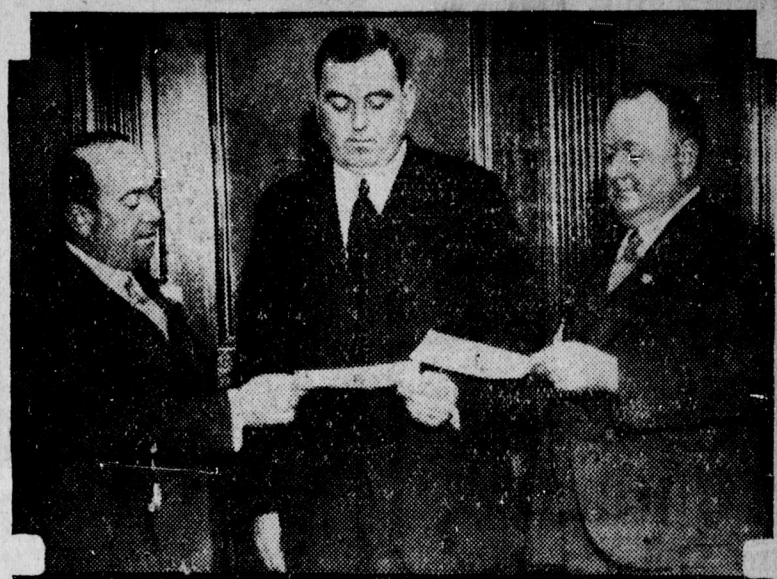
Over 1500 Attend H. P. Hood Banquet

More than 1500 members of the H. P. Hood and Sons, Inc., Mutual Benefit Assn., gathered in the Charlestown Armory last night for their 24th annual meeting and banquet.

The speakers were C. Richard Klofkoran, retiring president of the association and toastmaster, Mayor Curley, Gilbert H. Hood, Sr., vice-president of H. P. Hood and Sons, Brother Gilbert of the Mission Church high school, discoverer of Babe Ruth, and Dr. Eddie O'Brien, noted football referee.

Bennett Campbell was presented with a gold 40-year service pin by Mr. Hood.

\$15,564,964 Changes Hands



These checks, for millions of dollars, were exchanged between the state and city of Boston today. Check above is one for \$8,485,799 which was given by State Treasurer Hurley to City Collector McMorow in settlement of the state's account with the city for the year 1931. Check below is one which City Treasurer Dolan gave Hurley, for \$7,079,165 to meet assessments of the state against the city. Above, left to right, City Treasurer Dolan, State Treasurer Hurley and Collector McMorow.

TAX ABATEMENT RACKET CHARGED

Curley Demands Grand
Jury Probe of State
Board of Appeal

ATTORNEYS, EXPERTS
INVOLVED, HE SAYS

By JAMES GOGGIN

A grand jury investigation of the state board of tax appeal was asked of Dist.-Atty. Foley yesterday by Mayor Curley to smash what he terms as an organized tax abatement racket system, in which he is prepared to involve three prominent attorneys and a group of eight Boston real estate experts.

A tax assessment reduction of \$3,500,000 granted by the state board to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company with a resultant loss of \$107,800 of taxes already paid, provided the climax to the protracted attacks of the mayor on the board for its consistent decisions favorable to appellants from the judgment of the assessors of Boston.

Mayor Curley is prepared to charge collusion and to substantiate his allegation by naming the attorneys and the real estate experts whom he characterizes as holding a monopoly of the presentation of Boston cases to the board.

Evidence which has been secretly gathered for the mayor and which is described as exposing in detail the methods which have been employed allegedly to influence the decisions of the state board will be made available to the district attorney.

In some cases this evidence is so strong that the threat of the mayor to disclose facts in his possession is said to have deterred one large corporation from accepting a state board decision ordering a reduction of \$1,000,000 in realty assessments.

The gas company case inspired the mayor to attack the decision yesterday from two angles. In his first outburst he called the judgment of the state board indefensible and charged that the reduction in the assessment on underground pipes and machinery used by the corporation in Boston, from \$24,500,000 to \$21,500,000, was an outrage which demanded abolition of the board by an enraged public.

Subsequently he resorted to the plan of invoking the authority of the district attorney in the following letter to Mr. Foley:

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announced findings have decided, regardless of facts and evidence, against the city of Boston. The character of the cases and the amounts represented, coupled with experience in other sections of the United States, justify the belief that possibly a tax abatement racket system is in full operation at the present time.

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In elaboration of his letter to Foley, the mayor issued this statement:

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49 CASES TO BE HEARD

Mayor Curley's move is predicated upon the assumption that the state board will continue to overrule the judgment of the assessors, because but three decisions affecting Boston valuations have thus far been made.

The Boston & Maine Railroad was granted a reduction of \$1,089,000 in the assessment upon the docks in Charlestown, John C. L. Dowling, et al., administrators, a reduction from \$90,000 to \$45,000 in the assessment on Hanover street property, and the last announcement referred to the gas company's personal property.

According to the assessors 49 cases, based on 1930 tax bills, await determination by the state board.

They embrace 10 properties owned by the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company at 50 State street, on which a reduction of \$350,000 from the assessment of \$1,650,000 is sought; 19 properties owned or leased by A. W. Perry, Inc., assessed for \$10,785,000 and on which the appellants place a value of \$7,090,000, and 50 State street, a case heard in the superior court by the late Judge McLaughlin whose death occurred before he had rendered judgment. Subsequently the case was transferred to the state board.

"LET HIM COME ON"

"Let him come on," Alexander Holmes chairman of the board of tax appeals, said last night when informed of Mayor Curley's proposed investigation. "He can do whatever he pleases but we will go on with our business as we have been going along, deciding each case on its merits."

Asked if he believed there is any substantiation for the mayor's charges, Holmes replied, "O, no, no, no." The chairman is "not a bit worried" about an investigation, he said.

"The gas company case was no different from any other case," Holmes said. He said many of the experts are from outside Massachusetts, and that in each case those who appear are "different parties, different witnesses and different attorneys. Each case is taken in its turn," he said.

In addition to Holmes, former deputy tax commissioner whose home is in Kingston, John D. Wright of Brookline and Alexander Lincoln of Boston are members of the board. George R. Pond of Greenfield is secretary of the board.

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66 MIDNIGHT SHOWS TONIGHT TO AID IDLE

Theatres Outside City Also
to Give Relief Benefits

At midnight tonight, 66 Boston theatres and many others throughout the State will hold benefit performances for the unemployed in a drive sponsored by the National Motion Picture Industries. The proceeds will be handed over to local unemployment funds.

Preparations have been going on for weeks for this concentrated drive by the film executives of Hollywood and New York who are cooperating with President Hoover's national relief committee. Everybody in the film industry is interested and all, including some of the great screen stars, have been working hard for the success of the project.

Mayor Curley has personally endorsed the plan and hundreds of citizens, working singly and in groups, have been selling tickets in advance for the midnight shows. Nothing will be deducted from the proceeds for expenses, as everything necessary for the carrying on of the shows has been contributed by operators, stage-hands, musicians and other employees.

At most theatres added features will be given with the current bills.

At the RKO-Keith Theatre, Eddie Deas with his Victor Recording Orchestra and a big company of Hollywood Inn singers, dancers and comedians, will present a colored revue. On the screen "Suicide Fleet," with Bill Boyd, Robert Armstrong, James Gleason, and Ginger Rogers, will be the feature attraction. Leo Weber at the organ will present an original novelty and a football picture showing Harvard-Yale gridiron highlights in every game since 1914 will be another feature.

COUNCILOR KELLEY CONGRATULATED

Opposed Grove Hall Site for
High School

City Councilor Francis E. Kelley of Ward 15 has been busy this week acknowledging letters from members of civic organizations in Dorchester, and mothers and fathers of grammar and high school girls congratulating him for his long and successful fight on the floor of the City Council against authorizing the new \$1,000,000 High School for Girls on the Grove Hall site which had been voted upon by the School Committee and approved by the Mayor. Mr. Kelley had the full support of 12 of his colleagues and expects to be able to have the School Committee select some site at Meeting House Hill in the very near future.

The last two evenings, Councilor Kelley appeared in person at the Rialto Theatre Fields Corner, and made an appeal to all present to do all in their power to assist the unemployed and their families by attending the midnight show to be held at the theatre this evening.

TRANSCRIPT 11/20/31

Curley Has Many Birthday Gifts

This is Mayor Curley's fifty-seventh birthday, and outstanding in its observance was the visit of a delegation of children from the Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children, St. Botolph street, who presented him with a white-frosted cake, suitably inscribed. The visit was in recognition of the courtesy extended the children by the mayor on March 17, when he provided them with the opportunity of watching the Evacuation Day parade. The mayor was deeply affected by the visit of these children, six in number, and several on crutches, and made arrangements to send them to a moving picture theater. The children were accompanied by Vernon L. Brackett, superintendent. The office staff presented the mayor with books. There were scores of gifts from friends, including flowers, cigars, books and neckties.

HULTMAN APPROVES \$20,000 GIFT OFFER

Would Swell Welfare Fund
From Proceeds of Ball

Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman yesterday put his stamp of approval on the proposal recently made by the Boston Police Relief Association that the sum of \$20,000 be donated to the Boston Public Welfare Fund from the proceeds of the annual Boston Police Ball to be held on Jan 12, 1932, instead of a weekly or monthly contribution by police employees from their pay.

The police committee, comprising Fred E. Dickey, John F. Kenney and Capt John J. Rooney, told Commissioner Hultman in a letter revealing their own plan, that the sum would amount to a great deal more than would be received by taking up a voluntary collection each week.

Commissioner Hultman yesterday forwarded the suggestion to Mayor Curley for his consideration. The police head declared, "This is a spontaneous act on the part of the directors of the Relief Association, and I agree with them that the proposed donation amounts to much more than would probably be collected by taking up a voluntary collection each week."

"I believe the Police Relief Association is to be complimented for its generous offer," he wrote.

If the plan is agreeable to Mayor Curley, a certified check for \$20,000 will be presented to him on Tuesday, Jan 26.

The Relief Association directors, in offering the alternative plan, said that "the voluntary collection in all probability would work out satisfactorily for a few weeks after which, in their opinion, it would be forgotten and eventually ignored entirely."

GLOBE 11/21/31

CITY GETS \$8,485,799.41 PAYS STATE \$7,079,165

State Treas Charles F. Hurley yesterday gave City Collector William M. McMorro of Boston a check for \$8,485,799.41 in settlement of the State's account with the city for 1931. Thereupon City Treas Edmund L. Dolan handed Mr Hurley the city's check for \$7,079,165.85 to meet the assessments which the State levied against Boston. Boston's net gain in the transaction was \$1,406,633.56.

Included in the payment made to the city was an item of \$5,359,836 as its share of the proceeds of the income tax. Other payments included were one of \$2,462,418 as the business corporation tax; \$221,772, the gas, electric and water companies' tax; \$232,358, railroads, telegraph and telephone companies' tax; \$83,873, that from trust companies, and \$43,662 that from national banks.

The bill rendered against the city called for the payment of \$2,819,696 for Metropolitan water purposes; \$1,336,429 for Metropolitan parks and boulevards, and \$430,671 for the Charles River Basin.

\$42,400 BALANCE ON SIGNAL LIGHTS

An unexpected balance of \$42,400 of an appropriation of \$125,000 for the installation of automatic traffic signal system on Massachusetts av from Tremont st to Harvard Bridge may be used to extend the system along Massachusetts av from Tremont st to Southampton st.

The present system cost only \$82,000, and Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry has recommended that the balance be used for the further extension, which includes the intersections of Shawmut av, Washington st, Harrison av and Albany st, in addition to Southampton st. It also is proposed to extend the system from the intersection of Massachusetts av and Tremont st, to Dover st and Tremont st, which is shown by a survey to be the highest accident street in the city.

Mayor Curley has approved both extensions, but in order to transfer the available funds it will be necessary to get the approval of the City Council. If this approval is forthcoming, it is expected the signals will be in operation sometime during the Winter or early Spring.

BOSTON AND STATE EXCHANGE CHECKS

**More Than \$1,000,000 Gained
By City in Settlement
With Commonwealth**

A check drawn on the commonwealth's credit for \$8,485,799.41 was presented yesterday by State Treasurer Charles F. Hurley to City Collector

William M. McMorroff of Boston, while City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan was giving Hurley a check on the city of Boston for \$7,079,165.85.

This exchange of instruments was the annual settling of accounts between city and state. The contribution to the city represented its share of taxes collected by the state, while the Boston check met assessments which the commonwealth had levied against the city. Included in the payment made to the city was an item of \$5,359,836 as its share of the proceeds of the income

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FLAT MOTOR RATE FIGHT GAINS SPEED

**10,000 Petition Blanks Seeking
Referendum Circulated**

Ten thousand initiative petition blanks seeking a referendum on the establishment of a flat rate for compulsory automobile liability insurance were in circulation through five counties last night as the result of intensive promotion work by a group of legislators intent on placing the question before the voters at next year's election.

Many of the legislators who voted for a flat rate measure at the recent special insurance session of the Legislature advanced the campaign to its intensive stage yesterday after several minor committees had been selected at a meeting in the State House.

The goal of the legislators is to obtain 50,000 certified signatures for presentation to the office of the secretary of state before 5 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 1. Only 20,000 signatures are required, but the legislators hope to obtain two and one-half that number so that the petition will be fool proof against duplications and illegible signers.

The signers will be sought in Suffolk, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk and Worcester counties, the sections in the present high-rate districts predominate. Blanks also will be retained on file at the State House for use of interested citizens who desire to collaborate with the legislators in their campaign.

The legislators sponsoring the campaign have agreed to underwrite all the expenses involved. They appointed committees to direct the canvas for signatures in each of the five counties to arrange for the financing and to make sure that the papers are filed in proper order with the secretary of state before the expiration time.

Thousands of signatures already have been obtained and one of the blanks contains the name of Mayor Curley on its first space.

Legislators attending yesterday's meeting were:

Representatives Augustine Airola and Thomas F. Carroll of Revere; Charles W. Ames, Alfred W. Ingalls, Daniel J. O'Connor, Michael Zack and Marion C. Burrows of Lynn; Charles Bruce of Everett; Abraham B. Casson, John Concannon, William C. Dolan, Eugene P. Durkin, Peter J. Fitzgerald, Owen A. Gallagher, James W. Hennigan, John E. Hurley, Robert L. Lee, Robert V. Lee, Marcus J. Levins, Timothy J. McDonough, Frank J. McFarland, John F. Murphy, John J. Reardon, Lewis R. Sullivan, Jr., Joseph C. White, William H. Barker, Timothy J. Costello, William P. Pendergast and William P. Hickey of Boston; Charles T. Cavanaugh, Paul A. Dever, Ralph N. Hamilton, Dennis F. McCarthy and Harry C. Mohr of Cambridge; John P. Clancy of Winthrop; Joseph H. Downey of Brockton; William H. Doyle of Malden; Tony A. Garofano and C. F. Nelson Pratt of Saugus; Eugene Giroux and James E. Hagan of Somerville; John J. Irwin of Medford; John A. Jones of Peabody; John W. MacLeod and William H. Mellev of Chelsea.

APPEAL TO MOTHERS BY MAYOR

**Wants Dinners Late
on Holiday to Aid
Charity Game**

Mayor Curley, in an open letter to the "mothers of New England," yesterday asked them in the name of charity to postpone afternoon Thanksgiving family reunions and dinners until evening, to permit the maximum attendance at the Boston College-Holy Cross football game that day, the receipts of which are to go toward relief of the unemployed.

"A VERY GREAT FAVOR"

There was considerable question at first whether New England folks would resent a request which might interfere with Thanksgiving Day custom in many families, but as postponement only was asked, and in the cause of charity, the Mayor decided to write his letter.

It was as follows:

"Dear New England Mothers:

"I want you, for the sake of the unemployed and needy of Boston, who today number upwards of 40,000 men, women and children, to grant me a favor upon Thanksgiving Day. It is a very great favor, and one that I would not request were it not for the fact that the case is one of extreme emergency that I am quite certain will have a special appeal to you.

"I know that it has been an established custom from the beginning of the observance of Thanksgiving to serve dinner upon that day at 1 o'clock, and gather the family around the festive board from whatever portion of the world they may be located, and the observance of the custom is so general and has been so long established that it is a great favor to ask that dinner be postponed this year on Thanksgiving Day until 6 o'clock.

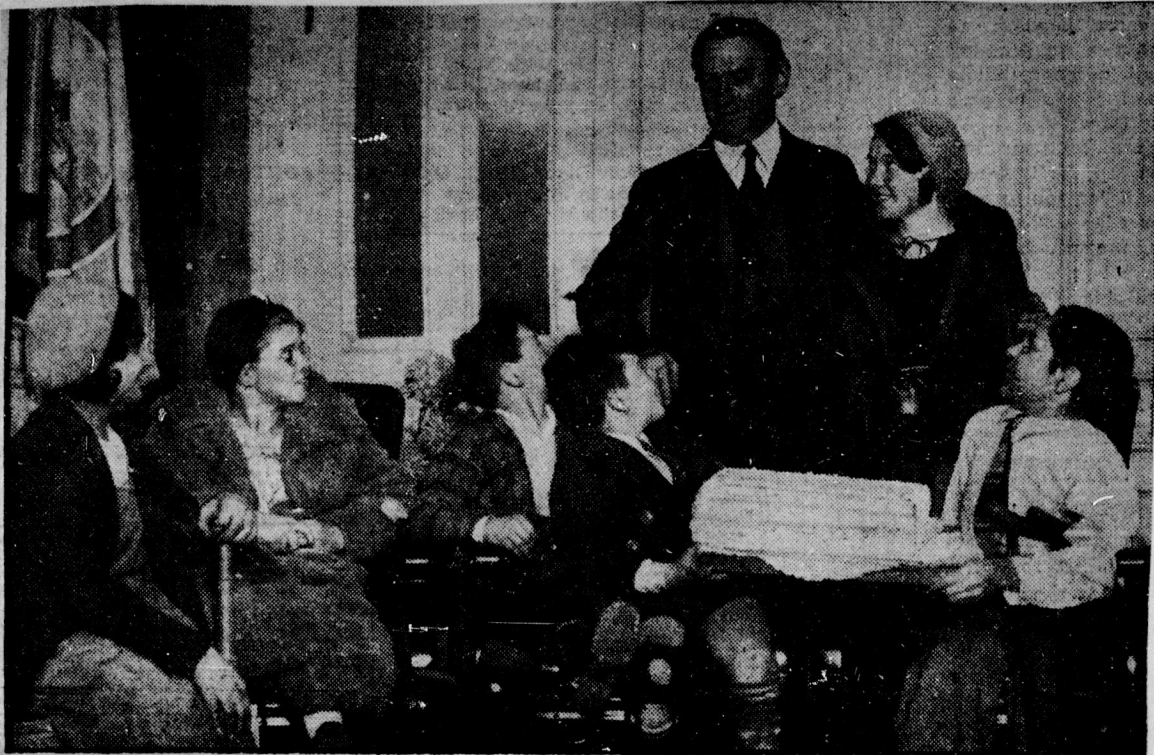
"You Will Be Bringing Joy"

"I am certain that when you know the reason for this request you will be glad to comply with the same. I have instructed the Overseers of the Public Welfare to send an order for a turkey and everything that goes with a Thanksgiving dinner to everyone of the 7000 heads of families in Boston that are in need and these orders will represent a total of about \$35,000.

"If you will postpone the dinner in your home until 6 o'clock on Thanksgiving Day it will afford the members of your family an opportunity to attend the football game between Boston College and Holy Cross at the Harvard Stadium, the proceeds of which will be devoted to providing for the unemployed and the needy of Boston. By changing the hour for Thanksgiving Day dinner in your home until 6 o'clock and having the members of your family buy tickets and attend the game you will be bringing joy to the hearts of thousands and making the day one long, sweet memory, through the joy that by your action you have brought to those in need."

DIST ATTY FOLEY GETS MAYOR CURLEY'S LETTER

Dist Atty William J. Foley said last night that the letter from Mayor Curley, in which he suggested that a Grand Jury inquiry be made into an alleged "tax abatement racket" in Boston, contained nothing but the Mayor's letter, the names of three cases in which abatements were given by the State Board of Tax Appeals recently, and a number of clippings from New York newspapers regarding an abatement probe made in that city recently. "I received the Mayor's letter today," said the Suffolk County prosecutor, "and with it the names of three concerns whose tax abatements he feels should be inquired into. I have received no evidence, however. If any evidence is submitted to me showing the commission of a crime I will submit it to the Grand Jury promptly when that body convenes on the first Monday of December."



Birthday Cake in honor of his 57th anniversary was presented Mayor James M. Curley yesterday by kiddies from School of Crippled Children, St. Botolph st. Seated, left to right, Alice Saliba, Helen Hedenberg, George Viau, John Green, Bertram Schild. Standing, Mayor Curley, Teresa Geoghan. (Daily Record Photo)

\$75,000 Gate for B. C.-H. C. Stadium Game

By EDDIE HURLEY

With bright prospects of raising \$75,000 for the unemployment fund, Mayor James M. Curley of Boston took personal charge yesterday of the ticket drive, which is expected to swell the attendance to 58,000, the capacity of the Harvard Stadium, when Holy Cross and Boston College clash on the banks of the Charles on Thanksgiving Day at 1:45 p. m.

At a luncheon tendered by the mayor, plans were launched to make the game the biggest financial success in history as well as to assure the unemployment fund a record sum.

It was announced that every ticket sold from now until the game will go toward the fund, for enough tickets already have been disposed of to meet all expenses of the game.

MEANS TO SWELL FUND

The luncheon was prompted by the desire to devise ways and means for swelling the unemployment fund



MAYOR CURLEY

for it is the mayor's ambition to dispose of every ticket for the game.

For the first time in history these football rivals will meet at the Harvard Stadium and this fact alone should develop sufficient interest for a sell out.

Then, too, the feeling that B. C. may spring the biggest football upset of the season has aroused renewed interest in the clash.

FOX IS OPTIMISTIC.

Budget Commissioner Charles J. Fox, who is handling the affair for the city, agrees with the mayor that the game will be swelled to a sell out and the fund will receive its largest contribution.

Both Joe McKenney and Capt. John J. McEwan will discuss the chances of the rival teams at a big broadcast planned tomorrow night at 10:30 p. m. when the glee clubs of Holy Cross and Boston College also will be heard on the air.

Boston stores have agreed to handle ticket distribution for the game, while it was announced that there are thousands of choice seats remaining for public disposal.

ASKS FOR POSTPONEMENT

In an open letter to the mothers of New England, Mayor Curley asked that the hour of Thanksgiving dinners be postponed from 1 o'clock until 6, so that their families will be able to attend the Boston College-Holy Cross football game for charity at Harvard Stadium.

The mayor will be one of the speakers in a special Sunday night radio broadcast over WNAC, in which bands, glee clubs and football coaches will be on the air.

Foley Awaits Tax Evidence for Probe

Dist.-Atty. William J. Foley, on receiving a demand from Mayor Curley for an investigation of the State Board of Tax Appeals, announced yesterday that he had received no evidence against three concerns mentioned by the mayor in his complaint.

"If any evidence is submitted to me upon the commission of a crime, it will be promptly placed before the grand jury for its consideration when that body comes in for the December sitting," Foley stated.

WHEN TWO MAYORS MEET



MAYOR CURLEY **MAYOR MURPHY**
Mayor Frank Murphy, of Detroit, here to see 'the big game,' called on Mayor Curley at City Hall today. He is here shown signing the roll of notable visitors, while his host looks on. (Staff photo.)

DETROIT MAYOR TALKS FINANCE

Although Detroit is in debt to the extent of \$360,000,000, the financial future is a very hopeful one because the city is now living within its income, Mayor Frank Murphy of that city declared today as he arrived to witness the Harvard-Yale clash.

While here he paid his respects to Mayor Curley at City Hall.

"We can't spend what we haven't got and are now living on a pay-as-you-go policy. It is no longer a question of what we want but one of what we can get," he said. "Through economy efforts we have cut off \$15,000,000 in the last year in the operating cost of the city. Five million dollars of that amount was cut off in the department of public works alone. Despite that cut the department is now giving better service than ever before. This huge cut in that one department was due to elimination of the spoils system and a new kind of leadership. There is no politics in the department. Incidentally it may interest Bostonians to know that the head of that department, a business man, didn't vote for me.

The dole is not in force in Detroit and only families are on the public welfare lists. Single men and women and married couples who have no children or those with adult children must shift for themselves."

Mayor Appeals for Shoes, Old or New

Anybody who has a pair or more of old shoes or who would buy a new pair for charity is requested by Mayor Curley to show interest in the unemployed or contributing to the Volunteers of America. This organization has informed the mayor that hundreds of applications for footwear are being made at its headquarters daily, with no stock on hand to meet the needs.

The mayor received a check for \$200 this morning for the Unemployment Relief Fund which represented the proceeds of an entertainment held at the Jamaica Plain High School last night. Another announcement was to the effect that the Boston & Maine and New Haven railroads have agreed on reduced fares on Thanksgiving Day for the benefit of those who will come to Boston to attend the Boston College-Holy Cross football game to be played for the benefit of the unemployed.

CURLEY SECRETARY REPORTED BETTER

Mayor Offers Blood if Mullen Needs Transfusion

William F. Mullen, one of Mayor Curley's secretaries, who is a patient at City Hospital, passed a comfortable night and was reported in encouraging condition today.

A blood transfusion may be decided upon by his physician. Already Mayor Curley and the entire personnel of the mayor's office have volunteered to donate their blood. None, however, has been called upon to take the test.

MAYOR CURLEY 57 YEARS OLD

Receives Many Gifts and Birthday Greetings

Mayor Curley spent his 57th birthday yesterday at his desk, "conscious of another year," but doing nothing to celebrate it. He spent last evening quietly at home with his family.

During the day scores of presents and birthday greetings arrived at the Mayor's office.

The Mayor's office staff presented him with a first edition of "Marco Polo." There was a couple of fine old Italian vases. There were more books, flowers, neckties and cigars galore.

DEFRAUDING BOSTON

The city of Boston paid out \$176,000 for personal injury cases in 1929 and \$83,000 last year. The bill was \$158,000 in 1928 and probably will not be much more than \$90,000 this year.

What has brought about this reduction? One facetious city official thus explains it: "We have granolithic sidewalks now in many places. Formerly, when Mrs. Somebody gave her husband a black eye, he would pry a brick out of the sidewalk and hide it, and take his black eye and a lawyer to the law department the next day and make a claim for damages due to defective footing. And often he'd collect." That is another way of stating that many of the claims against the city were based on pure fraud.

The savings are due to a rule set up by Mayor Curley and Corporation Counsel Silverman. The old theory was that court actions were expensive and that the city would be the gainer by settling claims without litigation for moderate sums. The new belief, on which the law department now operates, is that quick, easy proceedings, during which an injured person need not appear before a jury or a judge, tend to aggravate the situation and to encourage fraud. The thing had developed into a racket, in which various lawyers and doctors participated. The statistics of the last two years would seem to prove that the old theory is unsound.

The law department insists on the trial of cases in which a doctor or lawyer of questionable reputation, who has appeared in other tort actions, will be called on to testify. The immediate result was that many plaintiffs "quit cold" rather than subject themselves to questioning. Suits apparently well based are settled without court processes, but every case involving the payment of more than \$100 goes to Corporation Counsel Silverman himself.

The judges of the municipal courts have also been of great assistance in stamping out fake claims. It is a bold lawyer who will now press his suit against the city before a suspicious bench, and expose his client to examination. There is a belief among the lawyers that the days of easy collections from City Hall treasury are gone. At any event, they have fallen off to a gratifying degree.

And what would happen if all the companies which write motor insurance should refuse to settle without a suit any case of questionable merit? The position of most of the companies now is that it is cheaper for them to pay the "nuisance value" and get rid of them, with a minimum of trouble, than to let them go before juries. The experience of the city would indicate that there might be a substantial saving if the insurance companies all became more exacting in the settlement of claims.

CURLEY BOOSTS HOLIDAY GAME

Urges Mothers to Serve
Dinner in Evening so
All Can Attend

ORDERS TURKEY SENT TO 7000 FAMILIES

An appeal to the mothers of New England to serve Thanksgiving dinners at 6 o'clock in the evening, instead of at noon, was made by Mayor Curley yesterday, in order to eliminate conflict between family reunions and holiday dinners and the Boston College-Holy Cross football game in Harvard Stadium.

The knowledge that every ticket sold after yesterday forenoon means an addition of \$3 to the fund which will accrue to the public welfare department of Boston inspired the mayor to devote most of his 57th birthday to "plugging" the football game which he is sponsoring.

In addition to appealing for the cooperation of the newspapers and the sports writers at a luncheon at the City Club the mayor launched several advertising features to attract attention to the game and to the purpose for which the proceeds will be used.

The ticket sale has exceeded the share of the receipts which will accrue to the colleges and cover the overhead costs. The mayor is ambitious to fill the Stadium to its capacity.

In his novel appeal to the mothers of New England, he said:

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game you will be bringing joy to the hearts of thousands and making the day one long, sweet memory through the joy that by your action you have brought to those in need.

MAYOR SUBMITS DATA ON TAX ABATEMENT

Dist.-Atty. Foley Says He Has No
Evidence of Crime

Dist.-Atty. William J. Foley yesterday received a letter from Mayor Curley announcing that data which the mayor considers meriting an investigation by the Suffolk grand jury of tax abatements were being submitted.

The data so far submitted by the mayor consist of a paper containing the names and tax abatements of three companies, the mayor's letter on a single sheet of paper, and a number of clippings from a New York newspaper concerning a similar investigation made in that city.

Foley said last night: "I received the mayor's letter today and with it the names of three concerns he cites as three instances of tax abatements which he feels should be inquired into. I have received no evidence, however. If any evidence is submitted to me upon the commission of a crime, it will be submitted promptly to the grand jury when that body comes in for the December sitting."

CURLEY TO ADDRESS 1000 WOMEN IN N. Y.

Mayor Will Boom Candidacy of Gov.
Roosevelt

Mayor Curley will invade New York Dec. 21 to tell 1000 women espousing the Presidential candidacy of Gov. Roosevelt why the Democrats should choose him as their standard bearer.

The dinner at which the mayor will be the principal speaker will be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Commodore. Its purpose as outlined by Elizabeth Smith Edwards, chairman of the Empire State committee of women, is to arouse a militant activity among the women of New York and the nation in favor of the nomination of Gov. Roosevelt. Among the sponsors are Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the former United States ambassador to Germany; Mrs. Edward M. House and Mrs. Philip A. S. Franklin.

NO CRIME PROOF FROM CURLEY, FOLEY SAYS

The only evidence he has received from Mayor Curley as to possible criminal liability of Boston companies and individuals who have received tax abatements is a set of clippings from New York newspapers telling that an investigation of similar matters is being conducted there, District Attorney William J. Foley said last night when asked if he will follow the suggestion of the Mayor and lay before the grand jury the matter of tax rebates.

Foley said that if any evidence is submitted to him that a crime has been committed, he will present the matter to the Suffolk Grand Jury when that body comes in week after the December sitting.

Taxes Must Be Fair

Shall the wealthy corporation be favored at the expense of the small home owner? This is the nub of a direct challenge made by Mayor James M. Curley to the State Board of Tax Appeals.

His Honor goes so far as to ask that the State Board be abolished. Further than that, he asks District Attorney William J. Foley of Suffolk County to start a grand jury inquiry into what the mayor calls a "racket system" among certain attorneys and real estate experts. This racket, in the mayor's opinion, is an organized scheme for tax abatements.

The State Board of Tax Appeals was under severe fire at the State House Wednesday when certain members of the Massachusetts Assessors' Association declared that important Board decisions benefited only corporations and wealthy persons.

The mayor has boiled over particularly at the action of the Tax Appeal Board in reducing the property assessment of the Boston Consolidated Gas Co. by \$3,500,000.

This reduction in valuation means that the city will have to return to the gas company \$107,800 of taxes. It means that the city is out that much money and that the burden will have to be spread on other property owners, including the smallest home owners. The mayor also cites in his complaint the million-dollar abatement to another wealthy corporation, the Boston & Maine Railroad Co.

It seems as though, in this gas company case particularly, the Tax Appeal Board could have resolved the serious doubts involved in determining the values of underground mains and pipes in favor of the Boston Board of Assessors rather than in favor of the wealthy corporation, especially when it is apparent that the determination of these values involves a large amount of guesswork.

It is a fair argument that a governmental tribunal like the State Board of Tax Appeals should support another governmental agency like the local Board of Assessors whenever possible.



Dist. Atty. Foley

The mayor feels that the Tax Appeal Board, disregarding its duty, has catered to wealthy interests and has given these interests the benefit of the doubt, and that this attitude imposes a greater burden upon the small property owner, who, because of his limited means, is unable to prosecute his case before the Tax Appeal Board.

The complaint made by certain members of the Massachusetts Assessors' Association, followed directly by Mayor Curley's charges, would indicate that the situation needs investigation.

Carrying a more sinister suggestion are the mayor's accusations that some attorneys and real estate experts are "racketing" in the tax abatement field.

He directs the district attorney's attention to inquiry now in progress in New York city into a scheme of this nature.

If there is evidence of unethical practice among any lawyers or real estate experts, this evidence should be submitted to the district attorney for presentation to the grand jury.



Mayor Curley

LAST TRIBUTE PAID EDWARD G. GRAVES

Edward G. Graves, former surveyor of the Port of Boston, active in Republican politics in Boston for a number of years and for more than 50 years identified with Free Masonry, who died suddenly Tuesday night, was buried yesterday afternoon, with Masonic honors from the East Boston Masonic apartments.

The Masonic ritual was carried out jointly by the officers of Baalbeck and Noddle Island Lodges. A guard of honor was posted by William Parkman Commandery, Knights Templars, consisting of Past Commanders William Bibbey and Frederick Duncan. Services were conducted by Rev Dr Dudley Ferrel of First Unitarian Church, Boston, himself a past grand master of Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The musical program was rendered by the Weber Quartet.

Every Masonic body, from the Blue Lodge to the 33d degree, Scottish Rite, was represented. Besides there were representatives from the Federal and State Governments, the city and many fraternal and social bodies, Mayor Curley, Ex-Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols, Charles H. Innis and Wilfred Lufkin, collector of the Port of Boston, attended. In all about 600 were present at the services.

Officers of the Baalbeck and Noddle Island Lodges, the guard of honor from the Knights Templars and other delegates escorted the body to the Meridian-st Bridge, Chelsea. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Mr Graves is survived by his wife and a daughter, Janet Graves.

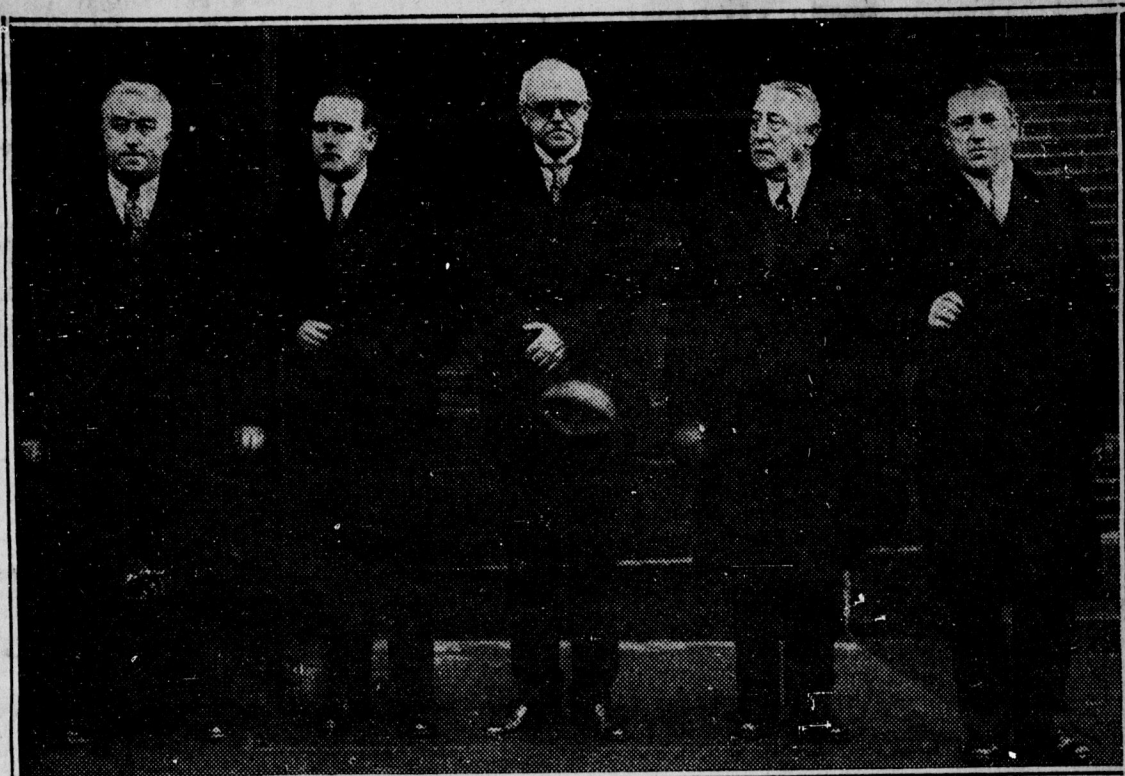
POLICE TO GIVE \$20,000 TO FUND

Believe Sum Preferable to Weekly Contribution

Mayor Curley was informed yesterday by Police Commissioner Hultman that the Boston Police Relief Association has volunteered to donate \$20,000 from the receipts of its annual charity ball this year to the city unemployment fund rather than have officers in the department make a voluntary contribution weekly as suggested.

In offering the contribution the officers of the relief association pointed out that the amount would be much larger than would be collected through voluntary contributions. They also pointed out that although voluntary contributions might be all right for a few weeks that interest was bound to lag and the amounts received would drop.

THRONGS PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO LIEUT INSPECTOR CEVAGNARO



AT FUNERAL OF LIEUT INSPECTOR CAVAGNARO

Left to Right—Dist Atty William Foley, State Auditor Francis X. Hurley, Police Commissioner Eugene Hultman, Supt Michael H. Crowley and Mayor James M. Curley.

The State, city and county joined with residents of the North End and members of the Police Department today in paying their last respects to Lieut Inspector Joseph L. A. Cavagnaro, killed when his automobile was forced off the road in the Catskill Mountains a few days ago.

The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in North sq, was filled, as was the square itself while the solemn requiem mass was being sung.

Rev Carlo Celotto was celebrant, Rev George Cavigliolo, acting pastor, was deacon, and Rev Agostino Lazzarini subdeacon. Mrs Marie Massa was organist and the soloists were Miss Molly Milano, Miss Olympia Cella, Miss Josephine Parisi, Miss Adelaide Sardito, Joseph Parisi and Angelo Cazzaniga.

The honorary bearers were six lieutenant inspectors from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation: Edward T. Conway, James F. Daley, James F. Concannon, James A. Dennessy, Elkana W. D. Le Blanc and Joseph F. Loughlin.

The active bearers were Sergt Harry Butler, Station 1; Sergt John H. McFarland, Station 2; Sergt William H. McKenzie, Station 4; Sergt William McDermott, Station 5, and Sergt Eugene O'Meara, Station 4.

The ushers were Lieut Inspector

Timothy J. Sheehan, Lieut Inspector Thomas F. Mulrey, Lieut Stephen J. Gillis and Lieut Inspector George J. Farrell of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Mayor Among Mourners

Included among the mourners were Mayor James M. Curley, State Auditor Francis X. Hurley, Dist Atty William J. Foley, Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman, Supt Michael H. Crowley, Deputy Supts James McDevitt, Thomas F. Goode and Ainsley C. Armstrong, Judge Frank Leveroni, Asst Dist Atty Joseph Scolponetti, Sheriff John A. Keliher, Representative Felix Marcella.

Others present were Thomas McDavitt, secretary to the district attorney; Capt Gustaf Gustafson, Capt Ross Perry, Capt Harry Grace, Capt Martin H. King, Capt James R. Claffin, of the Police Department; Patrick Malley and Roger Flynn, retired members of the department, as well as several other police officials and members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation; Capt Albert Chapman of the Charles River Lower Basin Station of the Metropolitan District Police, Patrick Holleran, chief officer of the Municipal Criminal Court; Sergt Thomas W. O'Donnell of the Municipal Court, attorney Edward H. O'Brien, attorney Dennis B. Burns, inspector William R. Connelly of the Municipal Court,

Chief Clerk Edward J. Lord of the Municipal Court, Sergt Robert J. Mooney, John Cifrino, Frank Cifrino, Richard H. Walsh, superintendent of the Court-House Building; Richard J. Blackmore, William H. McShane, Carmine Vara.

The press room at Police Headquarters was represented by William E. Brennan, Francis C. McLean, Raymond B. Hemenway, Harry McCormick, John Sullivan and Edward A. Costello.

There were many beautiful floral tributes. A large detail of police under the direction of Capt John J. Rooney was on hand to regulate traffic. So great was the crowd assembled in the area about the church, that parking of vehicles was prohibited.

Among those who gathered in the church were people, who were, down in the old North End when the big-hearted police inspector was a patrolman there. Some men whom the inspector had arrested at different times in his career also were present. They were there to show their respect for the policeman who had the reputation of always being fair to defendants, regardless of the outcome of the case before the court.

The cortege left the home on Kenrick st, Brighton, and proceeded to the Hanover-st Police Station, where a detail of 50 officers under the direction of Capt Louis E. Lutz formed an escort on the way to the church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN VISIT MAYOR ON HIS BIRTHDAY



Left to right, seated, Alice Saliba, South end; Helen Hedenburg, Brookline; George Viau, Roxbury; John Green, Dorchester; Bertram Schild, South end; standing left to right, the mayor and Teresa Geoghan, Roxbury.

POLICE RELIEF PLAN APPROVED

Hultman Favors Proposal of Association to Give \$20,- 000 to Fund

The proposal of the Boston Police Relief Association to donate the sum of \$20,000 to the Boston Public Welfare Fund, was yesterday approved by Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman. The money will be taken from the proceeds of the annual ball of the association to be given at the Mechanics building on Jan. 12, 1932, instead of a weekly or monthly contribution by police officers from their pay.

Fred E. Dickey, John F. Keeney and Capt. John J. Rooney, comprising the police committee, informed the commissioner of their plan and revealed that the total amount would be greater than through voluntary collections each week.

The suggestion was forwarded to Mayor Curley by Commissioner Hultman for his consideration. "This is a spontaneous act on the part of the directors of the relief association, and I agree with them that the proposed donation amounts to much more than would probably be collected by taking up a voluntary collection each week."

Crippled Children Present Cake To Curley as He Marks 57th Birthday

Mayor Curley shared enjoyment of his 57th birthday yesterday with 140 pupils of the school for crippled and deformed children on St. Botolph street.

In the midst of his acceptance of a variety of birthday remembrances, such as flowers, books and other gifts, and of the congratulations of friends, the mayor's heart was touched by six crippled children, who offered a huge birthday cake as an expression of their gratitude for favors which the mayor has bestowed on them.

With a tenderness a bit more obvious than he customarily displays toward children, who are always permitted to interrupt his consideration of municipal business, the mayor greeted his visitors, then dropped all other business to arrange a theatre party for all of the

children attending the St. Botolph street school.

He supervised the placing of the children for the camera men who desired to photograph the presentation of the cake. After the picture taking the mayor grabbed a huge basket of flowers from his desk and told the children to distribute the flowers at the school.

"I don't feel any older than a year ago," said the mayor, "but the records show I'm getting along. We must have birthdays, though."

The Curley children made the mayor their guest at the annual birthday dinner at the family home last night.

Among the gifts were two unique pieces of Italian pottery, presented by Frank Pedonti of the mayor's office staff, who returned from Italy Thursday night.

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66 THEATRES JAMMED AT MIDNIGHT BENEFIT

Curley Praises Enthusiastic Response To Theatre Folks' Generous Offer

Over the marble counters of 66 Boston movie box offices dollars poured in by the thousands last night—to give aid and comfort to the city's hungry and unemployed dependents of the Public Welfare Department.

Men and women, who never stay up after 10:30, swarmed the brightly lighted streets of the movie districts, bound to the greatest joint showing of midnight moving pictures the city ever has seen. They came in such numbers—or they bought so many tickets—that the National Motion Picture Industries' country-wide plan for midnight benefit performances proved an unanticipated success as far as Boston is concerned.

Every movie house in the city, from the pretentious and artistic palaces of Tremont and Washington sts down to the 15-cent houses of the South End, put on their regular daily show at midnight. And every single cent they took in will go to the city for the relief of the unemployed. The employees of these theatres, every man-jack, donated his services for nothing. Labor unions cooperated. Night club musicians left their joyful Harvard-Yale celebrators long enough to play in several of the larger downtown theatres. Vaudeville artists presented their numbers—for nothing.

Curley Praises Response

It was the greatest splurge of early-morning movie-going the industry has ever seen, for Boston's 66 houses were only a small part of the thousands throughout the country, which held midnight shows and turned the proceeds over to their local welfare board.

Such was the demand on transportation lines that the Boston Elevated ran extra service for some time after the close of the performances, about 2 a.m.

Mayor Curley, when told over the phone of the success of the midnight shows, declared that "the city of Boston is proud of the moving-picture employees of this district for their unselfish donation of their services. I am proud, too, of the citizens who

have turned out in such numbers. No act could be more worthy in these times of unemployment than the donation, direct or indirect, of money to the unemployed.

"Let me say, further, that the work of the National Motion Picture Industries, in sponsoring this Nation-wide benefit, is one of the finest contributions to humanity that any group of executives could offer. Much praise is to be given to the women's clubs, fraternal organizations, church societies and individual citizens who have given their time and their labor to selling tickets for these shows. The entire affair is a splendid and substantial contribution to a worthy charity."

Actors Also Give Services

Hundreds of actors and actresses at the local legitimate houses participated in the movie benefits—adding a pleasant surprise to the program of the larger houses. Not a single item was cut from the stage shows, not one "short" was eliminated. Orchestras from the Cocoanut Grove, Sea-glades and the Mayfair, joined with Leo Reisman's group of musicians in touring the larger theatres after midnight. Musicians volunteered their services in the houses, which do not keep an orchestra.

There was everywhere the most earnest cooperation by the theatre men and their employees. Tickets were sold during the week and at the evening performance by ushers who walked down the aisle. Some of the managers even spent the day canvassing business offices.

Starting at the Lancaster, outside the North Station, and working down Tremont and Washington sts, every movie house glowed brightly after midnight. At 11:30, after the evening show audiences had left, the doors were thrown open for the benefit audiences.

By noon today, Mayor Curley will know just how much the city is to receive from the benefits. As soon as the checks come in, they will at once be turned over to the Public Welfare Department.

MAYOR APPEALS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Suggest Change in Hour of Thanksgiving Dinner

New England Mothers in an open letter sent out yesterday by Mayor Curley, are requested to change the time-honored Thanksgiving Dinner hour from noon to 6 p.m. and have members of the family purchase tickets for the Holy Cross-Boston College football game, scheduled for that afternoon. The game, if a sell-out, will net the unemployment fund \$75,000.

The Mayor has directed that turkey and all the fixings that make up a real Thanksgiving Dinner be sent to every one of the 7000 families on the rolls of the Public Welfare Department. That item alone will cost \$35,000.

Mayor Curley's open letter:

"Dear New England Mothers:

"I want you, for the sake of the unemployed and needy of Boston, who today number upward of 40,000 men, women and children, to grant me a favor upon Thanksgiving Day. It is a very great favor, and one that I would not request were it not for the fact that the case is one of extreme emergency that I am quite certain will have a special appeal to you. I know that it has been an established custom from the beginning of the observance of Thanksgiving to serve dinner upon that day at 1 o'clock, and gather the family around the festive board from whatever portion of the world they may be located, and the observance of the custom is so general and has been so long established that it is a great favor to ask that dinner be postponed this year on Thanksgiving Day until 6 o'clock.

"I am certain that when you know the reason for this request you will be glad to comply with the same. I have instructed the Overseers of Public Welfare to send an order for a turkey and everything that goes with a Thanksgiving dinner to every one of the 7000 heads of families in Boston that are in need, and these orders will represent a total of about \$35,000.

"If you will postpone the dinner in your home until 6 o'clock on Thanksgiving Day it will afford the members of your family an opportunity to attend the football game between Boston College and Holy Cross at the Harvard Stadium, the proceeds of which will be devoted to providing for the unemployed and the needy of Boston. By changing the hour for Thanksgiving Day dinner in your home until 6 o'clock and having the members of your family buy tickets and attend the game you will be bringing joy to the hearts of thousands and making the day one long, sweet memory through the joy that by your action you have brought to those in need."

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MAYOR GETS BIRTHDAY CAKE FROM CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Curley, 57 Years Old, Receives Gift at City Hall From Pupils of Industrial School, St Botolph St



CRIPPLED CHILDREN GIVING MAYOR CURLEY A BIRTHDAY CAKE
Standing, Left to Right—Mayor Curley, Teresa Geoghan. Seated, Left to Right—Alice Saliba, Helen Hedenburg, George Viau, John Green, Bertram Schild.

Huge baskets and bouquets of flowers, rare volumes, some choice pottery, telegrams and cards arrived at City Hall yesterday for the 57th birthday of Mayor James M. Curley, but it remained for children attending the Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children, 241 St Botolph st, to make the Mayor's a real birthday.

Gifts have their place on birthdays, but without a birthday cake the day is not complete, and it was the children who saved the day. Annually the children at the Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children are guests of Mayor Curley at the 17th of March observances in South Boston. The average citizen of Boston may not know the Mayor's birthday, but the children know the date and, in an-

ticipation of it, they baked a handsome birthday cake at the school—a big cake filled with the choicest fruits and nuts, covered with white frosting. Neatly worked in pink frosting was "Best Wishes for Your Birthday."

The secret of the cake was well kept and it was a complete surprise when the cake was carried into the Mayor's private office. When Secretary Shaughnessy told Mayor Curley there were some children from the Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children in the outer office and that they were making a birthday call, he halted city business to receive them. Bravely, the little sufferers marched into his office, the rear guard carrying the precious cake. They were accompanied by Vernon K. Brackett, superintendent of the school.

Teresa Geoghan, one of the pupils acted as spokesman and made the

presentation speech on behalf of the school children.

Mayor Curley expressed his pleasure at the thoughtfulness of his young friends; called City Censor John Casey into conference and directed Mr Casey to make arrangements suitable to the officials of the school to have all the school pupils as his guests at a matinee in a theatre near the school.

The delegation of pupils from the school consisted of Alice Saliba, South End; Helen Hedenburg, Brookline; George Viau, Roxbury; John Green, Dorchester, and Bertram Schild, South End, and Teresa Geoghan, Roxbury.

When the children left City Hall, they carried with them the choicest basket and the finest bouquet of the collection in his office.

Mayor Curley observed his birthday with a quiet dinner in his home with the members of his family. There, his daughter, Mary, last night

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LAST TRIBUTE PAID LIEUT CAVAGNARO

Police Inspector Killed in Auto Accident

Funeral services for Lieut Inspector Joseph L. A. Cavagnaro, who was killed in an automobile accident several days ago, were conducted yesterday morning. The Church of the Sacred Heart, in which the solemn requiem mass was sung, and North sq, in which the church is situated, were filled with mourners, including residents of the North End, representatives of the Police Department and members of the State, city and county Governments. So great was the throng in the area of the church that parking was prohibited.

Rev Carlo Cellotto was celebrant of the mass, Rev George Cavigiolo, acting pastor of the church, was deacon; and Rev Agostino Lazzarini, sub-deacon.

The honorary bearers were six lieutenant inspectors from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation: Edward T. Conway, James F. Daley, James F. Concannon, James A. Dennessy, Elkana W. D. Le Blanc and Joseph F. Loughlin.

The active bearers were Sergt Harry Butler, Station 1; Sergt John H. McFarland, Station 2; Sergt William H. McKenzie, Station 4; Sergt William McDonnell, Station 5, and Sergt Eugene O'Meara, Station 4.

The ushers were Lieut Inspector Timothy J. Sheehan, Lieut Inspector Thomas F. Mulrey, Lieut Stephen J. Gillis and Lieut Inspector George J. Farrell of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Included among the mourners were Mayor James M. Curley, State Auditor Francis X. Hurley, Dist Atty William J. Foley, Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman, Supt Michael H. Crowley, Deputy Supts James McDevitt, Thomas F. Goode and Ainsley C. Armstrong, Judge Frank Leveroni, Asst Dist Atty Joseph Scolponetti, Sheriff John A. Kelliher, Representative Felix Marcella.

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Detroit Mayor Tells of Relief Work There



MAYORS MEET
Photo shows Mayor Curley, Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit and William H. Taylor of the public welfare committee at City Hall yesterday.

Detroit is spending about \$15,000,000 for relief work this year, according to Mayor Frank Murphy of that city, who called on Mayor Curley at City Hall yesterday and later attended the Harvard-Yale football game with Boston's Mayor and his family.

Only about half that amount is raised by taxation, however, the balance being made up by private subscriptions. In Detroit, however, the maximum paid to each family is only about \$10 or \$12 a week, while Boston's maximum, according to Mayor Curley and William H. Taylor of the board of public welfare, with whom the situation was discussed yesterday by Mayor Murphy, is \$20 or more a week.

Tonight Mayor Curley will broadcast from WNAC at 10 o'clock in an effort to sell out the Harvard Stadium for the Boston College-Holy Cross football game Thanksgiving afternoon.

CURLEY ON AIR IN JOBLESS APPEAL

Mayor Curley, speaking over Station WNAC at 10:30 tonight, will appeal to the citizens of Boston to come to the assistance of the unemployed by purchasing tickets for the Boston College-Holy Cross football game at Harvard Stadium Thanksgiving Day.

At the same hour his entire staff of secretaries under the direction of Cornelius A. Reardon will be on duty in City Hall prepared to make reservations for all who care to order their tickets by telephone. The mayor's private switchboard, Hubbard 1100, will be open to the public at that time.

The Boston & Maine and the New Haven Railroad are co-operating with municipal authorities in an effort to make the game a success by allowing all persons traveling to the clash from points outside Boston to purchase transportation at half price.

TRIBUTE PAID TO CAVAGNARO

The district that knew him only as "Big Joe" paid homage yesterday, in death, to Lieut.-Inspector Joseph L. A. Cavagnaro, killed in an automobile accident at Middletown, N. Y., while trailing a girl witness in the Gallo-Cero murder case.

In the North End, where Cavagnaro played as a boy and where he won his greatest police successes all business was halted for services in Sacred Heart Church.

The body was taken at 9:30 a. m. from the Cavagnaro home at 45 Kendrick st., Brighton, to Hanover st. police station, where the police escort, under Capt. Louis Lutz, department drill master, fell into line and marched to the church.

Honorary pall bearers were six of the men with whom Lieut. Cavagnaro worked for years as a detective—Lieut.-Inspectors Edward T. Conway, James F. Daley, James F. Concannon, James A. Dennessey, Elkana W. D. LeBlanc and Joseph F. Loughlin.

Among the notables at the church when the casket was borne inside for the services at 10:30 a. m. were Mayor Curley, Police Commissioner Hultman, Police Supt. Crowley, Dist. Atty. William J. Foley, to whose office Detective Cavagnaro was attached, and a host of court attaches and members of the bar.

The solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by the Rev. Carlo Celotti, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. George Cavigolo and the Rev. Augustus Lazzarin.

Following the mass, the police escort marched with the hearse to Bowdoin sq. from where the procession proceeded to Old Calvary Cemetery.

MAYOR MURPHY OF DETROIT IN LUCK FOR GAME

Sees the Harvard-Yale Classic
From a Choice Seat as
Curley's Guest

Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit, visiting Boston to address the Ford Hall Forum tonight, got a real break yesterday when he visited Mayor Curley at City Hall. He was invited to be a member of the mayor's party at the Harvard-Yale football game.

Prior to his visit to City Hall, the mayor of the "auto city" had purchased a ticket for the pigskin classic but it called for a seat 'way back in the steel stands.

He was presented to Mayor Curley by David Niles, conductor of the Ford Hall Forum. They eagerly accepted Mayor Curley's invitation because the official pasteboards were for seats right on the "little old 50-yard line."

Mayor Murphy was presented with an autographed photograph of Mayor Curley and signed the guest book. He gave Boston's chief executive first-hand information on the effect of the business depression in Detroit and of the methods employed there to care for the poor and jobless.

"We can't spend what we haven't got," Mayor Murphy told Mayor Curley, "and we are living on a pay-as-you-go policy. It is no longer a question of what we want, but one of what we can get."

"Through economy efforts we have cut off \$15,000,000 in the last

Auto City Mayor Is Here



—Photo by Boston Sunday Advertiser Staff Photographer.
MAYOR CURLEY (on left) watches as Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit signed the guest book in City Hall yesterday. The Detroit mayor came here to address the Ford Hall Forum and was invited by Mayor Curley to attend the Harvard-Yale game with him.

year in the cost of operating the city. Of that amount \$5,000,000 was saved in the department of public works alone. Despite that cut the department is now giving better service than ever before.

"This huge cut in that one department was due to elimination of the spoils system and a new kind of leadership. There is no politics in the department. It might interest citizens of Boston to

know that the head of that department did not vote for me."

Asked why he did not present his distinguished visitor with one of the shillalahs he brought back from Ireland, Mayor Curley said: "Look at his face, he doesn't need a shillalah."

Following the general laugh, the party adjourned for the football game and Mayor Curley arranged to introduce Mayor Murphy at tonight's Forum meeting.

Mayor Curley to Address League

HIS HONOR MAYOR JAMES

M. CURLEY will speak on "Some Aspects of City Government" at the second in the series of legislative lectures on Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, in the Junior League Ballroom, Zero Marlboro st. Members wishing tickets and guest tickets may apply to Mrs. Charles Higginson at the Junior League.

Mayor to Speak at Filene Club Party

MAYOR JAMES M. CURLEY is to be honor guest at the "Circus" dinner party which the Filene Women's Club is giving on Tuesday evening in the store restaurant for the benefit of the Thanksgiving basket fund.

The gala costume affair has been arranged under the direction of Miss Mabel T. Wessman, newly elected president, and talented members of the organization are to stage a pleasing entertainment.

J. J. Mikolajewski Gains at Hospital

Joseph J. Mikolajewski, assistant city censor, who was stricken with an attack of acute indigestion yesterday while on duty in Mayor Curley's office, was reported as being much improved and resting comfortably at City Hospital last night.

Emergency treatment was given him by Dr. Fred Bailey, deputy health commissioner.

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12-HOUR ALTERNATE PARKING RULE EXPECTED

Curley Determined Boston Visitors Won't Be Troubled by Tags in Holiday Season

Determined that residents of New England be given every opportunity to come to Boston in the holiday season, park their automobiles while they do their shopping, and feel that they are not going to be tossed around to the accompaniment of parking tags, Mayor Curley today conferred with members of the Traffic Commission.

Mayor Curley believes that the only solution is the alternate parking, 12 hours on one side of a street and 12 hours on the other. In that way, said Mayor Curley today, the visitor from any part of New England can come to Boston, park on the side that is

open, have no fear of a tag at the end of 30 minutes or one hour, enjoy the visit, and spend money in the stores without a constant mental picture of a police parking tag.

Acting Commissioner of Public Works Christopher Carven represented Commissioner Bourke, who is on leave of absence in Florida, and John J. O'Callaghan represented Thomas J. Hurley, who is sick. Other members of the Traffic Board are Police Commissioner Hultman, Chairman Conroy and Park Commissioner Long.

It is expected that the 12-hour alternate parking plan will be put through.

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PARKING URGED TO AID BUSINESS

Mayor Curley, at a conference in his office today with the members of the traffic commission, among them Police Commissioner Hultman and Traffic Commissioner Conroy, suggested that alternate parking be permitted in Boston streets in order that no business be driven from here during the Christmas holidays.

Prior to the conference the mayor said nothing that will interfere with the business of the stores of Boston during the rush season before Christmas must be permitted and that the parking problem must be solved immediately, if possible.

\$757.30 Sent Mayor for Jobs Aid Fund

Contributions of \$757.30 for the relief of the unemployed of the city were received by Mayor Curley today.

Frank A. Resker, representing Adolf Gobel, Inc., gave the mayor a check for \$707.30 and State Senator Joseph Finnegan of Dorchester forwarded a check for \$50.

DEATH CLAIMS CURLEY'S AID

Funeral services for William F. Mullen, 34, of 24 Mora st., Dorchester, an assistant secretary to Mayor Curley, will be held tomorrow at 9 a. m. in St. Matthew's church, Stanton st.

Mullen died at the City Hospital from a ruptured appendix. He had been at the hospital since Nov. 5.

Mayor Curley visited him a short time before he died, and Mullen's wife, Mrs. Catherine Mullen, and his father, Martin Mullen, remained at the bedside.

Twenty relatives and friends, including the mayor and Sheriff John A. Kelleher, offered blood to save the patient.

For six years before becoming an assistant in Mayor Curley's office two years ago, Mullen was an assistant to the adjutant of the state department of the American Legion.

Wants Tax Appeal Board Abolished

A bill that would do away with the recently established State Board of Tax Appeal was filed this afternoon with the House clerk by Representative Robert V. Lee of South Boston. Representative Lee's bill was accompanied by a statement in which the legislator said:

"The Board of Tax Appeals was established during the regime of Governor Allen. Its purpose was to give the property owner an opportunity to go before this board in the event the local board of assessors turned down their application for abatement of taxes. Its primary object was to see that justice was done. But what has been the result? Instead of justice, discrimination has been shown. Corporations principally have been the immediate beneficiaries. This is wrong, for the burden must be borne by somebody else and it necessarily falls on the small home owner and indirectly on the taxpayer.

"Since the board's inception, with the exception of technicalities, every case has been decided against the local governments. Surely a board of that nature has outlived its usefulness when the appellants in all cases have been favored. Imagine how long a court would last in every case coming within its jurisdiction was one-sided as it has been with this board. The local boards of assessors are capable of dealing with the situation and as a next course of action it should be handled by the courts."

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DEATH TAKES

W. F. MULLEN

Assistant Secretary to the Mayor Ill Three Weeks

William F. Mullen, 34, of 24 Mora street, Dorchester, assistant secretary of Mayor Curley, died at City Hospital yesterday, following a three weeks' illness. He was operated on for appendicitis and did not recover.

Mayor Curley and the entire secretarial staff had volunteered to submit to blood transfusions in an effort to save the life of Mr. Mullen, but doctors advised against transfusions. He had been an assistant secretary to Mayor Curley for two years, having previously been employed in the adjutant-general's office of the American Legion, of which he was a prominent member.

He is survived by his wife and two children, William and Eunice. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at St. Matthew's Church, Dorchester.

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DETROIT'S MAYOR TALKS IN FORD HALL

Says Crisis Has Made Us a Plain People Again

"A common misfortune has made of us once more a plain people in this country," said Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit in Ford Hall last evening. This, after he had told how Detroit had cared for 40,000 families and



MAYOR FRANK MURPHY
Of Detroit

15,000 single men last year and is caring for practically the same number this year.

For Detroit was hit harder than any other city in the country—in proportion to population—by the business depression. Mayor Murphy has used all the powers of the city government—all the philanthropic forces and all of the civic pride and sentiment in the community—to meet the situation.

He got a great reception. He was introduced first by George W. Coleman, and a few moments later by Mayor Curley, who attended the meeting with his daughter, Mary, and a few friends. They sat on the platform.

"Practical Idealist"

Mayor Murphy has been called a "practical idealist." He is 39 years of age, a well-built, active man, a former United States District Attorney and for six years judge in the Recorder's Court, a volunteer the first week of the World War and served for two years and four months in France; was brought back by the United States Government to aid in the prosecution of war profiteers. He uncovered a theft of \$30,000,000 of war materials. But he admits that the biggest problem he ever tackled is the one that has confronted him in Detroit for two years.

He told how Detroit, owing to the business vision of a small group of men who had been in overalls—like Henry Ford and the Dodge brothers—had grown in 20 years from 500,000 to about 2,000,000 people; and how, when the depression began two years ago, 150,000 men were thrown out of employment. This was the problem that confronted Mayor Murphy when he was elected to office at a time also, when the bonded indebtedness of the city had about reached its limits.

Politics were cast aside; retrenchment in all the municipal departments was demanded, and every available dollar was used to meet the unusual emergency that confronted the city. In fact, the City Government for the time

being was largely given up to welfare work.

Sees More Tolerance

He said the depression and the incident problem of unemployment have created a new spirit in the people—made them all more humble, tolerant and considerate, and brought them all to a common level of helpfulness and neighborliness. In this emergency racial, religious and social lines had disappeared and freedom of speech was the order of the day.

In fact Mayor Murphy considers freedom of speech on all occasions an essential of the new democracy and the new era, which he believes the depression has led the whole world into. From what he said Detroit is a sort of open forum. There is no police interference with it, and there has been no violence of any kind as a result of it. There is a spirit of all for one and one for all.

Mayor Curley, in answer to a question, explained that the Communists had freedom of speech in Boston, at a particular part of the Charles-st mall on the Common.

Before the meeting there was a splendid violin concert by Joseph Livoti, accompanied by Frances Pembroke Boleman.

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AIDE TO CURLEY DIES IN HOSPITAL

W. F. Mullen, Asst. Secretary, Victim of Ruptured Appendix

MAYOR AFFECTED, OFFERED OWN BLOOD

William F. Mullen, 34, of 24 Mora street, Dorchester, an assistant secretary in the office of Mayor Curley, who volunteered to give a quantity of blood to save his life, died at the City Hospital yesterday at 4:35 A. M. from a ruptured appendix. He had been at the hospital since Nov. 5.

Mayor Curley visited him a short time before he died and was deeply affected by his death. His wife, Mrs. Catherine Mullen, and his father, Martin Mullen, remained at the bedside.

Last Saturday when it became known that a blood transfusion was necessary to prolong his life, 20 relatives and friends, including the mayor and Sheriff John A. Kelleher, volunteered to undergo the operation.

Mullen was born in Neponset, Oct. 20, 1897, attended the Henry L. Pierce school and was graduated from Dorchester high school in 1915. For six years before becoming an assistant in Mayor Curley's office two years ago he was an assistant to the adjutant of the state department of the American Legion. He was a former commander of Thomas J. Roberts post, American Legion, of Dorchester.

He leaves, besides his widow and father, two children: William, 10, and Eunice, 7; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Clancy and Mrs. Margaret Leighton, both of Dorchester, and a brother, John Mullen of Newark, N. J.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 9 A. M. in St. Matthew's Church, Stanton street, Dorchester.

Dies as Mayor Offers Blood to Save Him



WILLIAM F. MULLEN

William F. Mullen, 34, assistant secretary to Mayor Curley, died at City Hospital a few hours after the Mayor had left his bedside, offering to give his blood in transfusion to save his life.

Mullen, whose home was at 24 Mora st., Dorchester, was taken to the hospital November 5, suffering a ruptured appendix. He died in spite of a valiant battle of surgeons to save his life.

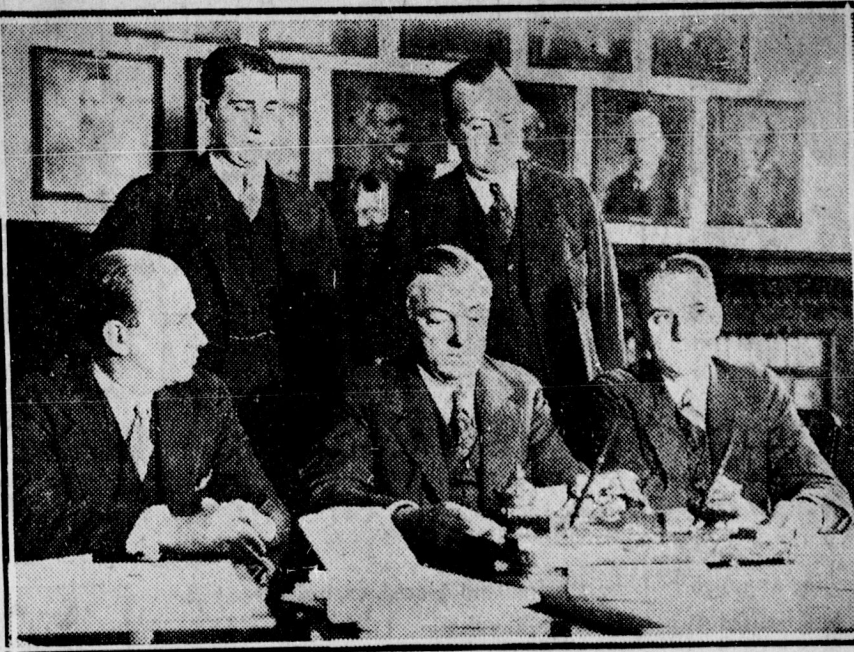
At his bedside, when death came, were his wife, Mrs. Katherine Mullen, and his father, Martin Mullen.

Up to the time when physicians despaired of his life, more than a score of friends, many of them politically prominent, were with him. Mayor Curley and Sheriff John Kelleher both offered to give blood in transfusion, if doctors believed it would save his life.

MAYOR WILL BROADCAST THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Mayor Curley's Thanksgiving Day message will be broadcast from Station WNAC at 2 o'clock Wednesday. The Mayor has particularly in mind the acute problem of unemployment now confronting the municipality, but he is confident that it can be solved and that plans he has to offer will meet with a generous response and cooperation from the citizens of Boston.

Hotel Kenmore Aids in Relief



Mayor Curley Accepts Unusual Proposal

FIFTY per cent of the total gross sales of the annual Boston College-Holy Cross Alumni luncheon on Thanksgiving Day at the Hotel Kenmore will be turned over to the unemployment fund of the city of Boston, according to an announcement made at a gathering in the office of Mayor Curley by C. P. Dodson, president of the hotel company. At the same time the mayor handed Mr. Dodson his check for \$10, reserving a table for eight for himself and party.

Elaborate plans for the luncheon are being made by the hotel management. The Boston College band will play from 12 noon until 1.30 o'clock. Both Boston College and Holy Cross football teams, which are later to engage in their contest at the Harvard Stadium, will have luncheon at the hotel. Quick service is assured for all guests and those who prefer to leave their cars at Kenmore square may take specially chartered

Gray Line buses under police escort for the Stadium.

C. B. Strom, executive secretary of Holy Cross Alumni, has notified the membership of this luncheon, and an exceptionally good attendance is expected.

The following is a copy of letter received by the Hotel Kenmore from Mayor Curley:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your generous offer in connection with the luncheon of the alumni of Boston College and Holy Cross, to be held this year prior to the annual football game between the two colleges. As I understand it, you plan to turn over the Unemployment Relief Fund of the city 50 per cent of the total amount collected on this luncheon. I am pleased to accept this offer, and will render whatever assistance may be possible in making the luncheon a success."

All alumni wishing to attend this luncheon are asked to make reservations at their respective college headquarters at The Kenmore.

RECORD 11/23/31 Coal Dealer Backs Mayor's Price Rap

Backing Mayor James M. Curley in his blast at coal dealers, and his demand that the commission on the necessities of life probe retail prices in Boston, Walter W. Conly of the County Coal Co. of Brookline yesterday wrote a letter to the mayor advising him that he was correctly informed in his statement that wholesale prices are 20 per cent lower than a year ago, while retail prices generally are nearly as high.

Conly, however, calls attention of the mayor to the fact that, while the prevailing prices for the popular sizes of coal, stove, nut and egg range from \$15.25 to \$15.50, the County Coal Co. is selling the same grades of coal at \$14 and \$14.25 per ton.

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Curley's Talk Sells Jobs Game Tickets

Mayor Curley's broadcast over WNAC last night, during which he called upon citizens of Boston to assist the unemployed by purchasing tickets for the Boston College-Holy Cross football game at Harvard Stadium on Thanksgiving Day, was a huge success. Within two hours after the broadcast 2120 tickets had been sold by telephone to charitably-inclined citizens who called the mayor's office.

No Limit to Parking for Xmas Trade

Mayor Curley Would Send That Message to Shoppers of New England

In the belief that Boston merchants should have every possible encouragement for Christmas business, Mayor Curley summoned the traffic commission to his office this afternoon and requested that a vote be passed for unlimited parking for the holidays. In other words, he asked that the alternative parking scheme, permitting parking for twelve hours on one side of through highways, and twelve hours on the other, be put into effect on all streets.

Chairman Joseph A. Conry, Park Commissioner William P. Long and Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman, members of the commission, responded to the summons. John J. O'Callaghan of the street commission represented Chairman Thomas J. Hurley, who is ill, and Christopher J. Carven, acting commissioner of public works, represented Joseph A. Rourke, who is on a leave of absence.

"What a fine thing it would be," the mayor said before the conference, "if we could send a message to New England that anybody could come to Boston for shopping and suffer no tagging by the police and no discourtesy! Our merchants are entitled to the best we can give them. Let it be possible for shoppers to drive up to the doors of the store and do business. Too many persons are deterred from visiting Boston owing to confusion over the parking regulations. I want to see every possible leeway given the visitors and the merchants as well."

It was the mayor who initiated the alternate parking plan for the through highways several months ago. He believed that it has not received a thorough trial and is convinced that until after Christmas at least the streets should be thrown wide open to visitors regardless of rules now in effect.

Curley Has Big Relief Program

Without specifying the nature of the projects he has in mind to meet the unemployment situation, Mayor Curley told a Ford Hall audience last night that he will go before the Legislature in January seeking permission to borrow \$35,000,000 outside the debt limit. The speaker of the evening was Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit on "Free Speech." He told the audience that a radical might say anything he wished on any street corner in Detroit without obtaining a permit; that Detroit had no strict book and play censorship; that the city housed from 12,000 to 14,000 single jobless men in idle factories and fed them during the winter months. Both Mayor Murphy and Mayor Curley made pointed criticism of President Hoover's administration.

ACCEPTING OFFER FOR JOBLESS



Standing, left to right: L. E. Whitney of the Hotel Kenmore; Charles Fox, budget commissioner of the city of Boston. Seated: Edward A. McLaughlin, Jr., president Boston College alumni; Mayor Curley; C. P. Dodson, president of the Kenmore.

Relief Fund to Get 50 P. C. of Money At B. C.-Holy Cross Alumni Luncheon

Mayor James M. Curley yesterday accepted the offer of C. P. Dodson, president of the Hotel Kenmore, to turn over 50 per cent. of the money taken in at the annual Boston-College-Holy Cross Alumni luncheon before the game Thursday, to the unemployment fund of the city of Boston. At the same time the mayor handed Mr. Dodson his check for \$10, reserving a table of eight for himself and party at the luncheon.

The management of the Kenmore is making elaborate plans for the occasion. Both Boston College and Holy Cross football teams will have luncheon there,

prior to the game. The Boston College band will play during the meal.

Quick service is assured by the management of the hotel. For those who prefer to leave their cars at Kenmore square, special chartered Gray Line buses under police escort will go direct to the Harvard stadium.

C. B. Strom, executive secretary of Holy Cross Alumni, has notified the Holy Cross Alumni of this luncheon and an especially good attendance is expected. All alumni of either college wishing to attend this luncheon are asked to make reservations at their respective college headquarters at the Kenmore.

CURLEY TO SPEAK AT ALEPPO TEMPLE

Mayor Curley will be the speaker at the third of the luncheons of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at the Copley-Plaza Hotel Tuesday at 12:30. Potentate Roy A. Faye will introduce his honor to the nobility and judging by appearances late comers will find it a difficult matter to secure accommodations.

Birthday Poem to Mayor Curley Bids His Troubles "Retreat"

Mayor uCurley received a poem today from Walter G. Kendall of 2 Park sq, in which is made to the Mayor's birth date, his troubles and cares, and of his facing the world with a smile.

t ends:

"So today I send you this greeting;
May your blessings evermore increase,
May you see all your troubles retreating
Till the future holds but joy and peace."

MAYOR WILL ASK LOAN OF \$35,000,000

For Relief Plan-May- or of Detroit Ford Hall Speaker

In order to further relief plans for Boston, Mayor James M. Curley will seek to borrow \$35,000,000 outside the legal debt limit, he told an audience in Ford Hall, last night. He will go before the Massachusetts Legislature in January, he said, and he expects that if he asks for this amount, he will get at least \$25,000,000.

NEARLY STEALS SHOW

The Mayor came to the Ford Hall Forum with Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit, and the former nearly "stole the show," so interested did the audience become in what he had to say. He stated that he went before the Legislature this year and received authority to borrow \$30,000,000, and since the custom of that body seems to him to grant the major part of his request, he expects to get about the same amount next year.

The difference between Boston and Detroit in matters of bread lines, stage censorship and radical stump speeches was brought out strongly in the question period.

Mayor Murphy stated in answer to questions that a person might make any kind of a speech he wanted in his city without a permit, and that there is no such stage and book censorship as in Boston. He added that the city has made elaborate housing plans for the unemployed, with 12,000 to 15,000 housed in empty factories. He said that he will only have about two-thirds the amount of money for relief this year as last year, but that he expects to raise the balance by public subscription. He said Senator Couzens has already subscribed \$1,000,000 to this fund.

President Criticised

Criticism of the Hoover administration was voiced by both Mayors. Mayor Murphy said that Detroit would not pay any attention to Washington when a commission which is working on a six-hour working day plan finally works it out. He said his city would go right ahead and put the plan in operation if feasible. He said that 150,000 wage earners in his city are out of work, affecting 500,000 persons. He said the city was far from bankrupt and that it is spending \$15,000,000 less than last year because of economies.

He attacked any method of muzzling free speech, saying that democracy itself would be throttled if the radicals were not allowed to voice their opinions. He said in his city, despite the depression, there has not been any disorderly meetings.

CURLEY TO ASK \$35,000,000 FOR RELIEF PLANS

Tells Ford Hall Audience
Legislature May Allow
\$25,000,000

MAYOR FORCED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Murphy of Detroit Defends
'Free Speech'—Hits Book,
Play Censorship

Mayor Curley will ask the Legislature in January for permission to borrow \$35,000,000 outside the debt limit, and expects "they'll allow \$25,000,000," he announced last night when he was suddenly drafted by an excited Ford hall audience to answer questions following a speech of Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit on "Free Speech."

Although the questions were levelled at Mayor Murphy, they so obviously involved Mayor Curley's attitude toward free speech on Boston Common, censorship of books and plays, and his ban on breadlines and dormitories for jobless single men, that Mayor Curley answered the questions himself.

DEFENDS POLICY

In defending his policy of public works to provide unemployment relief he said that he had been before the Legislature each year for the past two years to ask for money, and that each time he had received a major portion of his request. This year he received authority to borrow \$30,000,000, and will present a similar program in January.

Mayor Curley chuckled and smiled when Mayor Murphy, in reply to questions, told the audience that a radical might say anything he wished on any street corner in Detroit without obtaining a permit; that Detroit had no strict book and play censorship; and that Detroit housed from 12,000 to 14,000 single jobless men in idle factories and fed them during the winter months. Mayor Murphy denied that drifters and loafers had come to Detroit to take advantage of city welfare experiments, which he described as the most ambitious of any American city.

Because of financial restrictions placed on Detroit by the legal debt limit and by bankers, and because of the delinquency of taxpayers, the city will have only about two-thirds as much money to spend for relief this winter

as last, but expects to raise the rest from private sources; Senator Couzens has already subscribed \$1,000,000, Mayor Murphy said.

Both Mayor Murphy and Mayor Curley made repeated criticism of President Hoover's administration.

"American cities of late years have become the battleground of social justice," declared Mayor Murphy. "The state capitols in many instances are too far away from the people. The government at Washington is too far away, too indifferent. The municipalities themselves must wrestle with the great social problems of this era of transition."

He said that Detroit's unemployment commission, composed of experts, was studying the question of the five-day week and six-hour day, and when its findings were finished, Detroit would act "without waiting for Washington."

"DETROIT NOT BANKRUPT"

He assailed Congress for adjourning in the face of the great international calamity and said that a special session should have met at once.

Mayor Curley later added that this Boston conference on the stabilization of employment had already proposed a federal industrial planning commission and the immediate application of the five-day week.

Although in Detroit 150,000 wage earners were thrown out of work, placing 500,000 persons in need, something good for the city has come out of the depression, Mayor Curley declared. "A newborn sort of social consciousness had come to Detroit. The Liberals, young people and school teachers, are lifting their eyes toward tomorrow's horizon."

"Inaccurate information has been sent abroad that Detroit is almost a bankrupt city. That is not true. A government can have a humanitarian attitude and still give the people good fiscal management. Due to retrenchments in all departments, Detroit is spending \$15,000,000 less than last year," Murphy continued.

"A survey by expert social workers showed that the average income of 1000 families whose names we were forced to cross off the welfare list last summer was \$2.60 a week. They were found to be receiving help from their neighbors. Obviously they were largely in poor neighborhoods. It was another case of the poor feeding the poor, a condition which has existed for centuries."

"Yet with all the unhappiness and demonstrations in Detroit last winter there never was a disturbance of any kind. Free speech has its full and complete sway in our city, as much for those who hate us and seek to destroy us as anybody else."

"That is the only way to keep free government and to keep the government close to public opinion. There can be no democracy without free speech. The only way to preserve free speech for ones self is to preserve it for the other fellow. Where free speech is not allowed democracy is a misnomer and may become actually dangerous."

WILLIAM A. MULLEN, AID TO MAYOR, DIES

He Submitted to Operation
Early This Month

Only a few hours after Mayor Curley had left his bedside in the City Hospital, William A. Mullen, one of the Mayor's secretaries, died early yesterday.



WILLIAM A. MULLEN

day following an appendicitis operation Nov 5. Mrs Catherine Mullen was at her husband's bedside when he passed away.

Mr Mullen was born Oct 20, 1897, in Neponset. He was graduated with the class of 1915 from Dorchester High School. He was for two years in the Mayor's office and prior to that was for six years attached to the Adjutant General's office, Department of American Legion.

He was former commander of Thomas J. Roberts Post, American Legion of Dorchester. This organization will take action on the death of their comrade at a special meeting this evening in the clubhouse.

Mr Mullen's home was at 24 Mora st, Dorchester. Besides his wife, he is survived by his two children, William, 3, and Eunice, 8; his father, Martin Mullen; two sisters, Mrs Mary Clancy and Mrs Margaret Leighton of Dorchester, and a brother, John Mullen of Newark, N J.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning, with a solemn requiem mass at 9 in St Matthew's Church, Stanton st.

CURLEY URGES FANS BACK HOLY CROSS-B. C. GAME

Mayor James M. Curley last night appealed in a special broadcast over Station WNAC for citizens to attend the Holy Cross-Boston College football game on Thursday at the Harvard Stadium "in order that the unemployed of the city may be taken care of and that no Boston family shall be without a Thanksgiving dinner."

Charles J. Fox, chairman of the Graduate Committee of Boston College, acted as master of ceremonies of the hour broadcast which was held by both colleges in the interests of the unemployed. The speakers, in addition to Mayor Curley, included the coaches of the two football teams, Joe McKenney and John McEwen. The B. C. band played and

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COUNCIL AGAIN BOOTS HIGH SCHOOL ORDER

Dorchester Project Tabled for Another Week

The order for an appropriation of \$920,000 for a high school in Dorchester, which was defeated a week ago, was booted around in the City Council again yesterday. Because of administration weakness in point of numbers present, the order was tabled for another week. In the meantime, Mayor Curley, in an order offered by Councilor Kelly, which passed, is requested to confer with the School Committee and ask the latter to select a new site.

There were indications before the Council meeting yesterday that the order would be revived and it was believed that several Councilors who voted against the order a week ago had had a change of heart and that the order would go over. Instead there were so many vacant seats, that efforts to pass it failed.

Letters had been received from labor authorities urging action and James T. Moriarty, Sheet Metal Workers' Union and member of the Schoolhouse Commission, and E. A. Johnson of the Building Trades appeared before the Council in executive session.

Disapproves of Both Sites

Mr. Moriarty told the Council members that if the \$920,000 was not appropriated before Jan. 1, the order "would go out of the window." He said the labor men were not arguing for any particular site. Councilor Kelly asked him if the Wilder-st site was a suitable one. Mr. Moriarty asked if his opinion was requested and when told that it was, answered that he did not think the Wilder-st site selected by the School Committee or the Geneva-av-Bowdoin-st site selected by Dorchester Civic organizations was the best site for a high school in Dorchester. He said that it was but 10 minutes' walk between the two sites.

Mr. Moriarty pointed out that it was the first time since 1916 that the Council, had had anything to do with school house appropriations.

Councilor Wilson, speaking on Councilor Kelly's order for the Mayor to confer with the School Committee, said that if the latter body changed from the Wilder-st site, the order would be passed in a week.

An order of the hospital trustees for rescission amounting to \$238,000, saved from building appropriations, also went over for lack of enough votes.

Jitney License Passes

A jitney license for a line from Dedham to Forest Hills was passed despite strenuous opposition by Councilor Murray who was supported by Councilor Englert. Murray put it to a roll-call but the order passed, 12 to 2.

Councilor Dowd offered an order, which passed, calling on Mayor Curley to give work cleaning parks, cemeteries, etc., to men now on the civil service list instead of giving the work to men receiving aid from the Board of Public Welfare. He offered an order that Mayor Curley direct the Overseers to give turkey dinners for Thanksgiving, and another order that the Mayor appoint a committee to raise a fund of \$3,000,000 by popular appeal. Councilor Dowd after declaring Welfare will cost \$7,000,000 this year, said that it would cost \$10,000,000 next year.

The Mayor, in an order offered by Councilor Kelly is asked to instruct the Welfare Department, in cases where needed, to increase the maximum payment of \$15 a week. His other order was that the Mayor confer with the Boston Consolidated Gas Company and the Edison Company, with a view to the companies cutting their gas and electric rates 50 percent to all families receiving aid through the Public Welfare Department.

TRANSCRIPT 11/24/31

Few Streets Not Under New Rule

Traffic Board Sits to Outline 12-Hour Parking Plan Asked by Mayor

Twelve-hour parking which the mayor prevailed upon the Traffic Commission to accept, at a special session yesterday afternoon, was discussed by the commission today for the purpose of deciding on the hours embodied in the plan and the exemptions among the narrower and more congested streets in the downtown section.

The commission voted to restrict all streets in Boston to alternate parking, with the exception of fourteen, where there will be no parking. This has the effect of doing away with the all-day parking spaces on Dorchester avenue and Charles street and also does away with the "live" parking which has been permitted on the Common side of Tremont street.

The streets on which the commission felt it would be unwise to allow alternate parking and where no parking will be allowed are Bromfield, Carver, southeasterly side of Causeway from Canal street to Washington street north; Devonshire street, from State street to Water street; Elm street, Fruit street, Lagrange street, Newbury street, from Hereford street to Massachusetts avenue; Parmenter street, School street, Somerset street, from Beacon street to Ashburton place; State street, from Washington street to Congress street; Tremont street, from Beacon to Park street; Winter street.

Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman submitted mostly narrow thoroughfares, in districts where heavy traffic conditions exist and where to allow one line of parking under the new regulations would tend to slow up traffic. The list was referred to Traffic Engineer John F. Hurley for further study.

In order that there might be no delay in the adoption of this alternate parking rule, Joseph A. Conry, chairman of the commission, was authorized to confer with the corporation counsel for the purpose of drafting amendments to such rules as might be in conflict with the regulations authorizing alternate parking. Present at the meeting besides Commissioners Conry and Hultman, were Park Commissioner William P. Long, Christopher J. Carven, representing Joseph A. Rourke, public works commissioner and John J. Callahan, representing Thomas J. Hurley, street commissioner.

Under the new rules persons coming into town for shopping or other purposes may leave their cars parked indefinitely by the process of changing from one side of the street to another every twelve hours at the time to be designated by the authorities.

In view of the law which prescribes a two-weeks' notice in the City Record before a traffic rule can be put into effect, the public will have but slight benefit of the new plan before Christmas. It was specially in aid of Christmas shopping that the mayor asked for the change from the old rule of one-hour parking, asserting that he wanted the public to feel free to come to Boston without fear of having their cars tagged.

Though the Retail Trade Board of the Chamber of Commerce objected to the alternate parking scheme when it was first proposed by Mayor Curley last summer, it is expected that the merchants will await a study of the experiment before reopening the question. The mayor feels that the plan will succeed and has received assurances from Police Commissioner Hultman that the police can enforce it and will do so.

No Traffic Lights for Commonwealth Ave.

Objection by property owners along Commonwealth avenue to the proposed installation of automatic traffic signals and threat of legal proceedings to enforce what they claim to be their rights in the matter, has led to the abandonment of the plan.

Mayor Curley asked the City Council to rescind the loan order passed more than two years ago, making \$125,000 available for the installation of signals on the avenue between Arlington street and Governor square. The desire of Councilor Laurence Curtis, 3d, to look into the "legal complications" resulted in postponement of action for one week.

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Curley Plan in Effect for Xmas Period

Mayor Curley's proposal for 12-hour alternate parking in downtown Boston streets will become a reality in two weeks' time, it was announced yesterday. Traffic Commissioner Conry declared a special meeting today will put the mayor's desires into effect without further delay.

The action of the traffic commission came suddenly, following a conference at the mayor's office to which they were summoned. Present were Commissioner Hultman, Traffic Commissioner Conry, Park Commissioner Long, Acting Public Works Commissioner Carven and Street Commissioner O'Callaghan, representing Street Commissioner Hurley.

The mayor declared he "wanted every opportunity given visitors to Boston to do Christmas shopping undisturbed by police tags." The vote followed. The commission will hold an emergency meeting this morning at 10 to perfect regulations and stipulate the streets which will not come within the scope of the rule.

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ACTION FOR GROVE HALL GIRLS' HIGH

Council, Pressed by Labor Chiefs, Ready for Loan Order

Pressed by labor unions to provide winter work for the jobless, the City Council last night prepared to reverse its veto of a week ago and vote to approve the \$920,000 loan order requested by the school authorities for the immediate construction of a new girls' high school building at Grove Hall, Dorchester.

KELLY FIGHTS ORDER

Failure of the full Council to attend yesterday's session forced the tabling of the loan order until next Monday, when, it is expected it will be approved, putting an end to the controversy which has stirred Dorchester for the past five months.

As a final step to prevent the erection of the school at Grove Hall, Councillor Francis E. Kelly of Dorchester presented an order appealing to Mayor Curley to urge the school committee to abandon the present site and select another in the Meeting House Hill section of Dorchester as demanded by 13 Dorchester civic organizations.

Kelly bitterly criticised his colleagues in the Council who last week defeated the Grove Hall order by a vote of 12 to 7 and later changed their minds, following the receipt of appeals from labor organizations.

Labor Chiefs in Personal Pleas

Each member of the Council in the past few days was sent appeals by the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Union leaders to approve the \$920,000 loan order for the purpose of providing work throughout the winter for about 300 idle building tradesmen.

President James T. Moriarty of the State branch, American Federation of Labor, and E. A. Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Building Trades Council, personally appeared at City Hall and appealed to the Council to approve the loan order, expressing the belief that under the law it would have to be approved before the end of the year to become effective.

Other Orders Held Up

Councillor Kelly criticised Johnson for endorsing his opponent in the recent city election and declared that the Council did not intend to be "bulldozed" into voting for the school loan by the labor organizations.

Because of the absence of eight councillors, the order, together with other financial orders, were assigned to the next meeting, as financial orders require 15 votes out of a total of 22.

The Council similarly referred to the next meeting, the Mayor's order, to rescind \$238,000 saved by the City Hospital trustees on specific construction programmes, so that the money could be voted for use on other buildings proposed at the hospital.

Report Great Savings

The trustees reported that they had saved \$90,000 on the construction of the new administration building, \$8000 on the south department, \$80,000 on the medical pavilion, \$30,000 on the ambulance station and \$30,000 on the remodeling of Ward M.

Stressing need for enlargement of the children's building and the surgical units was voiced by Dr. John J. Dowling, superintendent, in commenting on an order introduced by Councillor John F. Dowd of Roxbury, criticising the small number of children taken in daily for adenoids operations.

Waiting List Necessary

Councillor Dowd charged that children applying for tonsil and adenoids operations were being put off until next September, as the hospital had a long waiting list and the staff was performing but six such operations daily. He urged an increase in the staff of surgeons and nurses.

Dr. Dowling explained that because of the demands upon the hospital facilities, resulting from business conditions, there were not sufficient accommodations to permit more than six tonsil and adenoids operations daily with safety in the opinion of the staff, and so it was necessary to establish a waiting list.

He stated that the new children's pavilion would be completed next summer and that when the new surgical building is finished in about two years, two additional wards will be turned over to beds for the children. Until the new accommodations are ready, he said, about 2000 operations a year for tonsils and adenoids was the hospital's safe maximum.

Attack Relief Programme

Councillors Dowd and Kelly resumed their attacks on the Mayor's unemployment relief programme. Kelly introduced orders requesting the Mayor to urge the public utility corporations to grant 50 per cent price reductions to unemployed householders, and to direct the public welfare trustees to order more than \$15 a week relief to jobless heads of families.

Dowd presented an order again demanding that the Mayor appoint a committee of commercial, industrial and labor leaders to raise a community chest fund of \$3,000,000. The Mayor, however, was repeatedly refused to establish a community chest in this city.

The Council changed its mind about traffic congestion along Washington street, West Roxbury, and by a 12 to 2 vote granted a permit to the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company to operate busses from the Dedham line to the Forest Hills station of the Elevated.

Only Chairman Peter A. Murray and Councillor Edward L. Englert of Jamaica Plain voted in opposition to the bus line, claiming that Washington street was already taxed to the limit with traffic and protesting that the operation of busses would create an additional hazard to the safety of the children.

High School Order Is Again Delayed

Instead of passing as expected a \$920,000 loan order requested by the school authorities for the immediate construction of a new high school for girls in Dorchester, the City Council defied the appeals of labor at yesterday's meeting and delayed for another week. Failure of several of the administration members to attend the meeting forced the tabling.

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COMMONWEALTH AVE. RESIDENTS WIN POINT

City Abandons Plan to Install Traffic Lights

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PLAN IN EFFECT HOLIDAY SEASON TO AID SHOPPERS

Will Be Continued In-
definitely if Found
Successful

COMMISSION ACTS IN MAYOR'S OFFICE

Hultman Promises Police
Will Strictly Enforce
New Regulation

A drastic change in Boston's parking regulations, advocated by Mayor Curley and adopted yesterday by the traffic commission, will permit holiday shoppers to park cars for a maximum of 12 hours on the majority of downtown streets where parking is now allowed, without fear of police interference.

The scheme, an outgrowth of the mayor's alternative parking plan, will be a Christmas shopping season experiment, and if successful will be adopted permanently.

It provides that on Boston streets where one hour parking now is allowed, automobiles may be parked on one side between 1 A. M. and 1 P. M. At the latter hour the shift to the other side of the street will be mandatory.

ENFORCEMENT PROMISED

A specific guarantee by Police Commissioner Hultman of strict enforcement of the regulation preceded its adoption.

On certain downtown streets, like Washington and Winter streets, and other narrow thoroughfares which are so narrow that traffic would be impeded by a line of cars, no parking will be allowed. Parking on Tremont street probably will be restricted to the west or Boston Common side.

The plan will go into effect about Dec. 1.

The traffic commission will hold an emergency meeting at 10 o'clock this morning to perfect the regulation, by stipulating the streets which will not come within the scope of the rule.

BOON TO SHOPPERS

The experiment, in the belief of Mayor Curley, will cure the all-day parking evil, will open up Boston's streets to thousands of automobilists and will give Christmas shoppers practically unrestricted time to patronize Boston stores.

It is the judgment of Police Commissioner Hultman that the alternating

regulation can be enforced. He expressed a keen desire yesterday for a trial of the plan and when asked by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman to define the attitude of the police department on the question of enforcement, he replied, "The regulation can be enforced and I will enforce it."

Officials of the chamber of commerce and of the Retail Trade Bureau, who have been opposed to the permanent adoption of the mayor's plan, either withheld specific comment on the action of the traffic commission or indicated, last night, that they would await the result of the experiment with keen interest.

The commission acted suddenly and decisively after the members had been summoned to the mayor's office. In attendance were Commissioner Hultman, Traffic Commissioner Conry, Park Commissioner Long, Acting Public Works Commissioner Christopher Carver and Street Commissioner John J. O'Callaghan, who substituted for Chairman Thomas J. Hurley of that commission.

To the gathering Mayor Curley declared his determination to give every possible stimulus to Christmas shopping in Boston.

"I desire to tell the people of New England," said the mayor, "that they can motor into Boston, park their cars on our streets, do their shopping in our stores, and return to their cars, with absolute assurance that they will not be confronted by a police tag, commanding their appearance at a police station, or threatening court action against them."

The mayor asserted that it is conceded that the police department is unable rigidly to enforce existing parking regulations without the assignment of a veritable army of enforcement officers.

He frankly admitted that while he entertained a definite conviction that the alternating parking plan would be the practical solution of the complex problem, its value could not be appraised until a definite experiment has been made and he urged the commission to adopt the regulation for the duration of the holiday season.

"If experience proves that it is a success," said the mayor, "it can be made a permanent regulation. If it proves worthless, some other solution must be found."

CONRY RAISES QUESTION

Traffic Commissioner Conry injected discussion of the inclination of the police department strictly to enforce any regulation by stressing the failure to compel motorists to comply with the existing regulations and asserted that it would be useless to attempt any solution of the parking problem without the whole-hearted support of the police.

Assurance of Commissioner Hultman

that the police will co-operate in the experiment by an impartial and drastic enforcement of the rule and the intimation of Hultman that he personally favored a trial, led to the adoption of the mayor's proposal.

Apprised that when the commission first considered the alternating plan, last year, Commissioner Hultman had submitted a list of approximately 250 streets which, in his judgment, should be excluded from the system, the mayor made known his confidence that the commission would prohibit parking in all streets where it is considered a danger to allow parking.

Subsequent to the vote in the mayor's office, Commissioner Conry called his colleague to meet today at 10 o'clock to "perfect the regulation." It was officially explained that the commission will consider the streets listed for exclusion by Commissioner Hultman. It is the belief of his associates that he has included many streets of sufficient width to warrant parking.

FINAL ACTION

Final action by the commission must be followed by announcement of the proposed changes in the City Record for two successive weeks. No change in any parking rule can be effective without compliance with this statutory provision.

Though members of the traffic commission were unwilling to discuss the details of the contemplated change in regulating parking, there was an agreement that adequate protection will be given to pedestrians by prohibiting all parking in Washington street, in Winter street, and in other streets in the downtown district which are so narrow that the movement of traffic is impeded by a line of parked cars.

In the handling of parking on one-way streets, such as Avery and Mason streets, the prediction was made that they will be included in the alternating plan and that the zero hour of 1 o'clock applicable on other streets will apply with equal force to one-way thoroughfares.

Tremont street parking is expected to be restricted to the westerly side.

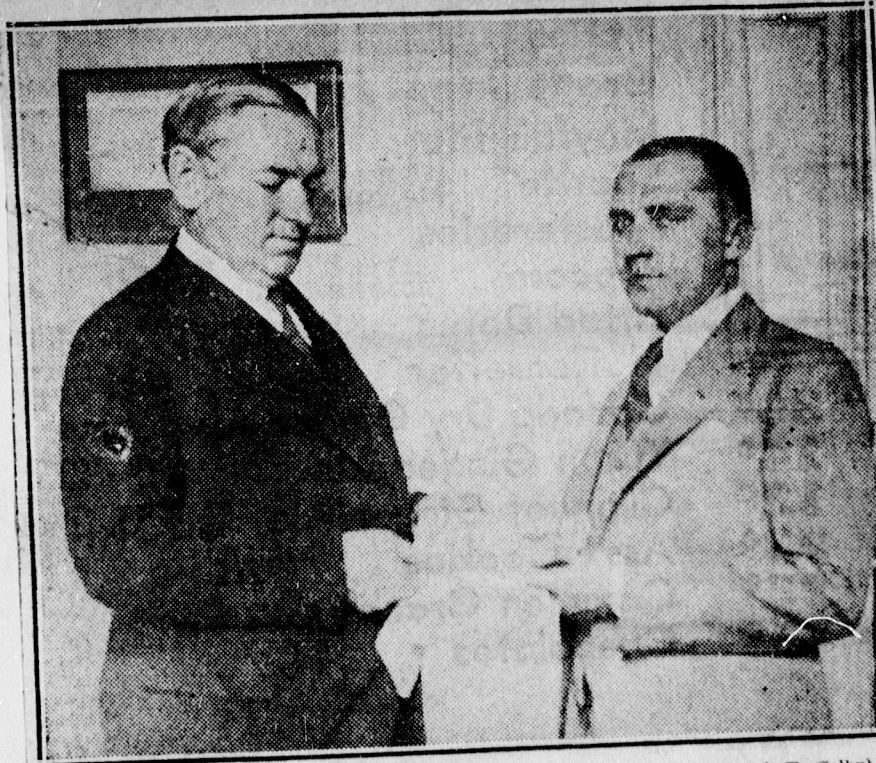
Corporation Counsel Silverman said that the traffic commission will consider each street on the condition which are applicable to it. He expressed satisfaction that the experiment, provided that it is supported by strict enforcement, will be the most valuable contribution that has been made to the solution of the parking problem.

AMERICAN 11/24/31 Mayor Facing Task of Signing Name to Bonds 7400 Times

Mayor Curley and City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan are preparing for one of the most tiring tasks they are called upon to perform in connection with their official duties.

Recently the city sold bonds valued at \$7,478,000. When these are ready for delivery to purchasers they will have to carry signatures of both men. That means that the mayor must sign his name 7400 times and Treasurer Dolan 14,800 times.

Food Merchant Contributes to Relief Fund



(Transcript Photo by Frank E. Colby)
Frank A. Resker (Right), Presents \$707 Check to Mayor Curley in Behalf of the Adolf Gobel Company

FRANK A. RESKER, representing the Adolf Gobel, Inc., dealers in pure meat products in Boston and elsewhere throughout the country, waited upon Mayor Curley yesterday and presented a check for \$707.30 for the Public Welfare Department fund of the city of Boston.

"This most generous action on the part of the Adolf Gobel Company will, I trust, serve as an incentive to other Boston concerns to do likewise," said the mayor.

The amount actually raised at the Boston branch of the Adolf Gobel Company was \$353.65, and when the president of the company, Harry L. Batterman, was informed as to the generous action of the local branch he most graciously added a like amount. I have been further informed by the local representative, Mr. Resker, that the custom inaugurated in Boston of contributing to the local public welfare fund will be followed in every city and town where a branch of the firm is located.

Curley Appeals to Shriners to Aid

Appealing for the help of the Masonic fraternity of Massachusetts, in behalf of the effort to meet the unemployment situation in Boston, Mayor Curley suggested to members of Aleppo Temple at their monthly get-together luncheon at the Copley-Plaza today, that they take over the Boston Garden at the first of the Symphony concerts to be given on fifteen Sundays during the winter. He asked the members of Aleppo Temple meantime to storm the Stadium on Thanksgiving Day, when the Holy Cross-Boston College football game is played, and to bring with them all old shoes and cast-off clothing.

The mayor, who was guest speaker at the luncheon, announced that one of the reasons for his delay in appearing at the head table was due to his appearance before the Vincent Club girls to prevail upon that organization to assist in the relief of the unemployed. He said that after his appeal the girls' committee went into session and decided to make a campaign for clothing and shoes for the poor of Boston.

Volunteers of America May Have to Refuse Needy Ones

Applications for Thanksgiving baskets at the Volunteers of America headquarters have reached an average of 475 a day. So many are applying, Colonel Duncan says, that he has been forced to refuse more although he regrets turning anyone away. While retail merchants have contributed more supplies than in any previous year, receipts from the street boxes are 50 per cent below normal. These collections usually have gone far toward paying the cost of distribution.

Colonel Duncan expressed fear that many families will have to go without a Thanksgiving dinner unless there is more general response to the appeal. At least 2500 baskets will be needed if each applicant is to be supplied.

Never in the history of the Volunteers has there been so large a number applying for this kind of relief, and the majority are of the class who have never appealed for help before. The distribution will take place at the former Marston's Restaurant on Hanover street at noon on Wednesday. The first baskets will be given out by Mayor James M. Curley, Miss Mary Curley, Judge Emma

Parking by Thumb

Every attempt to deal with Boston's parking problem in a scientific manner has, of a sudden, gone overboard. Abolishing the one-hour restriction, Mayor Curley has decreed that unlimited parking shall prevail in all save a few downtown streets. The only restriction is that at a fixed time each day the cars parked on one side of the street shall be moved to the other curb. Undoubtedly such a plan, by its uniformity and simplicity, is quite appealing. People like a good rule of thumb, and in many administrative problems such a rule may prove helpful.

A good rule of thumb must conform, however, to the simple arithmetic of the problem which it seeks to solve. The mathematics of Boston's downtown parking problem are quite elementary. That district now provides, by actual count, possible curb-parking space for 27,000 vehicles. If the one-hour parking rule were perfectly enforced that would mean that in the course of an eight-hour day, 216,000 automobiles could have the privilege of being parked downtown for at least one hour. The new uniform rule, using in all cases one side of the street only, begins by reducing the available space to 20,000 cars, a reduction of 25 per cent in the basic supply. It then extends an invitation to the operators of those 20,000 cars to remain parked for four hours on one side of the street, and then spend, if they wish, four hours at the opposite curb. If they all accept the invitation for only half the day, the maximum number accommodated would be 40,000, instead of 216,000 under the present rule.

Admittedly, these figures somewhat exaggerate the contrast which will arise in actual practice, under Mayor Curley's plan as compared with the old system. The one-hour parking restriction has always been far from perfectly enforced, and therefore the downtown streets have never accommodated the maximum number of parked cars theoretically possible. Also, it will not prove true, of course, that all automobiles, parked under the mayor's rule, will remain standing at the curb for many hours at a time. But certainly a very large number will do so, a high percentage of the 20,000 available places thus being pre-empted by all-day parkers using the streets to avoid payment of garage charges. Whatever happens, the new rule of thumb cannot improve matters, but must make them worse.

The only hope, as we see it, lies in the lesson which the city now stands to learn from fresh experience. It is also encouraging to know that excellent and extensive new plans have been arranged for effective handling of all circulating vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the downtown streets during the Christmas season. More than two-score extra patrolmen will be on duty, and the most elaborate attempt will be made to govern the whole situation for the sake

SEE CHARITY AT FIRST HAND, SAYS HE



MAYOR CURLEY

MRS. CURRIER

MRS. STEINERT

Mayor Curley speaking with Mrs. Guy Currier and Mrs. Robert Steinert after he had addressed members of the Junior League and Vincent Club today. He urged them to visit some of the public institutions set up in Bos-

ton for the less fortunate and asked them to attend the B. C.-H. C. game Thursday in aid of the jobless and to bring bundles of old clothing to be distributed to the poor. (Staff photo.)

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MAYOR OUTLINES BATTLE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

Tells Junior League Members of Plans and Asks Them to Contribute Discarded Shoes to Charity

Roses and old shoes, symphony concerts and football games, solariums which vie with Floridian sun baths, the cream of Boston society and the rugged new Americans in the poorer quarters—these and many more varied activities and personalities are being pressed into service in the city of Boston program to kill Old Man Depression.

sion, solve the problem of unemployment and maintain the health of the people, according to interesting facts set before a large gathering of Junior League members by Mayor Curley this noon.

Mayor Curley addressed the Junior League in the ballroom of the league headquarters, zero Marlboro st. The ballroom seating capacity was taxed. It was the first time Mayor Curley had addressed the group in its present quarters and the interest was keen.

Taking his audience through the rose gardens and rock gardens of Franklin Park, Mayor Curley said that these nearby beauty spots excel the famous Kew Gardens in London. "Last Summer 150,000 men, women and children visited these gardens," he continued. "Here we have 450 varieties of roses and 4800 separate rose bushes. In these gardens are bird houses. At Franklin Park we have the largest bird house in the world. Hundreds of men who would otherwise be out of employment are kept busy here. In solving the unemployment situation the city of Boston gives the head of the house \$15 a week, but as we realize that it is hard to get a name off the Public Welfare list after it is once on, we give these men three or four days a week work. The birds from the frozen north, south-bound to sunny climes, all stop off at Boston, realizing, like the unemployed visitors who come to our city, that here they will find shelter and food. The ducks and geese, water fowl of all kinds from the ice-bound fields of the north, are stopping at our bird homes in Frank-

AMERICAN 11/24/31 MAYOR ATTENDS FUNERAL RITES FOR MULLEN

Mayor Curley, scores of city officials, and representatives of posts of the American Legion were in attendance today at the funeral services for William F. Mullen, assistant secretary to the mayor, who died at City Hospital Sunday after two week's illness.

The funeral procession was of such size that it was a half hour late leaving the Mullen residence, 24 Mora st., Dorchester.

Solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated in St. Matthew's Church, Stanton st., with Rev. Michael J. Cuddy as celebrant, Rev. D. J. Kirby, deacon; Rev. C. J. Sheehan, sub-deacon, and Rev. Herbert Driscoll, master of ceremonies.

After the service members of Thomas J. Roberts Post, American Legion, of which Mullen was a past commander, stood at attention while a bugler blew "Taps" over the flag-draped casket.

Rev. Fr. Cuddy read prayers at the grave in Mt. Benedict Cemetery and a firing squad of William T. Sinclair Post, the city employees' branch of the Legion, gave a three-volley salute.

Active pallbearers were members of Roberts Post. Mayor Curley headed the honorary pallbearers, others being Mullen's associates in the mayor's office: Secretary Cornelius A. Reardon, Chief Clerk John P. Mahoney and Assistant Secretaries John A. Sullivan, Edmund Hoy and James G. Tobin.

CURLEY'S PLAN IS ADOPTED

Rush to Put New Rule Into Effect

Following a meeting of the Traffic Commission, from 10 to 1 o'clock today, 12-hour alternate parking, as recommended by Mayor Curley, will be allowed on all but 14 streets within the city. By this decision, which will be rushed into effect as soon as possible, autoists will be allowed to park their cars for 12 hours on one side of the street, and when, if they wish, they can park 12 more hours, by changing their autos to the other side of the street.

It was voted that any rules conflicting with this decision of the Traffic Commission be stricken from the traffic regulations. Parking by hydrants and in front of driveways will remain, of course, prohibited.

Angle parking and all day parking as allowed in the past on Dorchester av., behind the South Station, and on Charles st., between the Common and the Public Garden, will be wiped out.

After the meeting of the Traffic Commission this morning, Commissioner Joseph A. Conry issued the following statement:

"For the purpose of putting into effect the recommendations of His Honor, the Mayor, as to alternate parking throughout the city, the Traffic Commission met in special session today.

"The chairman offered a vote that there be added to Section 17, part 4 (which specifies streets where alternate parking is allowed), all streets not now included in that section. The force and effect of this vote is to extend alternate parking to all streets in Boston except those streets, which, in the judgment of the Traffic Commission, it would be unwise to allow alternate parking.

In the downtown business section, the following 14 streets were decided to be exempt from the alternate parking rule:

"Bromfield, Carver, Causeway on the southeasterly side from Canal to Washington st North, Devonshire from State to Water, Elm, Fruit, LaGrange, Newbury from Hereford to Massachusetts av., Parmenter, School, Somerset from Beacon to Ashburton pl, State from Washington to Congress, Tremont from Beacon to Park, and Winter st."

Mr Conry also revealed that Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman had submitted a long list, naming 391 streets, which he recommended be exempt from the alternate parking rule. The list was referred to the traffic engineer, who will make a report on the Police Commissioner's recommendation.

Reporters learned, however, that there was small likelihood that there will be any immediate change in the ruling passed today.

In order that there be no delay in putting the new regulations into effect, Traffic Commissioner Conry was authorized by the commission to confer immediately with Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman on the drafting of such amendments to the rules as are necessary. It is expected that this conference will take place late this afternoon.

MAYOR MUST SIGN NAME 7478 TIMES

City Treas Dolan Will Get Double Dose

Mayor Curley today approved an award by City Treas Edmund L. Dolan of \$7,478,000 in bonds, not disposed of in September. The bonds, of the coupon variety, and the first of their kind ever issued by the city, are likely to give Mayor Curley and City Treas Dolan real cases of writer's cramp. Temporary certificates will be exchanged in January for the bonds.

The Mayor will have to sign his name 7,478 times while City Treas Dolan will get a double dose of signing, for he must also sign the certificates. City Purchasing Agent Philip Chapman has been directed to order a supply of liniment.

Council Demands City Hospital Rule Limiting Tonsil Cases Be Abolished

The city council yesterday demanded that the City Hospital trustees immediately abolish the regulation which limits operations for the removal of tonsils to six a day. Those with diseased tonsils who seek relief at the hospital are being told that it will be impossible to list them for operations until next September. The rapidity with which the waiting list is increasing indicates that operations will be further delayed unless the regulation is changed.

On the ground that there is inadequate room at the hospital to give treatment in more than six such operations a day, Dr. John J. Dowling

said last night that there is opposition among hospital officials to any change in the regulation.

"We are insistent that proper treatment shall be given every patient whose tonsils are removed," said Dr. Dowling. "We are terribly overcrowded now and we have not the space necessary to enlarge the room devoted to the treatment of tonsils. When our new surgical pavilion is completed, we will have two large wards assigned to this department and we will be able to provide the service which I know that we are not providing because of the conditions which must continue until the new building is available."

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12-HOUR PARKING IS REVIVED HERE

Traffic Board Action Expected Today

Curley Proposal Is Designed to Aid Downtown Shoppers

Mayor Curley's proposal for 12-hour alternate parking on Boston's downtown streets, to which the Retail Trade Board strongly objected several months ago, may become a reality in two weeks, it was indicated last night.

Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry issued a statement in which he said a special meeting of the board would be held today at which "the matter will be thoroughly discussed with a view to putting into effect without delay the wishes of His Honor the Mayor."

The decision to call a special meeting of the board came from the traffic head following a conference with Mayor Curley at which acting Com-

missioner of Public Works Christopher Carven and John J. O'Callaghan, representing Street Commissioner John J. Hurley, were present.

Mayor Curley stated at the meeting that he did not want to see residents of New England tossed around to the accompaniment of traffic tags when they parked their cars in downtown Boston while doing their shopping. He said he wanted every opportunity given visitors to Boston for Christmas shopping to shop undisturbed by police tags.

Several months ago Mayor Curley offered the plan to allow cars to park for 12 hours on alternate sides of the streets, one side to be used from 1 a m to 1 p m, and the other side from 1 p m to 1 a m. Such a system is now in use on many streets, but the parking time is limited to one hour.

The Retail Trade Board of the Chamber of Commerce made an extensive study of the plan following Mayor Curley's announcement of it. The board finally sent a long statement to the Traffic Commission condemning the plan as a solution to the parking problem, and called it a distinct step in the opposite direction.

Following the statement of the Retail Trade Board the matter was dropped. Commissioner Hultman, however, made a statement at the time that it was practically impossible to enforce the present one-hour rule. The Trade Board denied that it was impossible.

Traffic Commissioner Conry stated yesterday that the Police Commissioner had submitted a list of 250 streets on which he believed it dangerous to allow half-day parking because of the hazard of life and property through obstruction to fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles.

Under the law, if the rule is adopted today by the Traffic Board, it must be advertised for two weeks in the City Record before going into effect. The traffic head expressed his belief that the rule would be accepted by the board.

TAX APPEALS TO NEW BOARD FEW

Holmes Believes Board Most Valuable

Chairman Alexander Holmes of the State Board of Tax Appeals, addressing the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants at the Parker House last night, declared that he believed that the people of the Commonwealth would "in the long run find that the board has been one of the most valuable additions to our taxation system in many years."

He said that one of the difficulties of the situation is that the board has started to function in a year of business depression adding, however, that, relatively speaking, the number of appeals to the board appears to be small.

He indulged in a sly reference to Mayor Curley's blast at the board last week, when the Mayor asked for a grand jury investigation of its abatement of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company's personal tax by more than \$100,000.

"We are located," he said, "in the Metropolitan District Commission's new building on Somerset street; near the State House, near the Court house, and incidentally within striking distance of City Hall."

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COUNCIL ASKS SITE FOR NEW SCHOOL BE SET

Mayor Curley yesterday resubmitted to the City Council a loan order for \$920,000 for construction of a high school in Dorchester, and the Council tabled the order for one week and suggested that in the meantime the School Committee decide on the site.

A loan order for the same amount was killed by the Council a week ago, after Dorchester citizens had protested the erection of a new high school in Wilder st., in the Grove Hall section. They demanded that the new school be erected at Bowdoin st. and Dorchester ave. Several weeks ago an old-fashioned town meeting was held in Dorchester to protest the proposed Grove Hall site.

At the executive session of the council, James T. Moriarty, member of the school buildings commission, and agent of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union, and E. A. Johnson, secretary of the Building Trades Council, appeared and urged the council to take definite action on the school order.

Johnson said he represented 26,000 building trades workers, and added that 13,000 of them were idle at the present time. The building of the proposed new high school would provide many of them with work, he said.

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CONRY HAS 18 PAIRS OF FINE SHOES

Commissioner Will Give Dozen Pairs to Jobless

That Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry sports 18 pairs of shoes in his job of making rules for pedestrians as well as motorists in Boston's

TRAVELER

PARKING PLAN IS SCORED BY BUSINESS MEN

Alternate System Will Bring Chaos, Say Merchants

Expressing the belief that the proposed alternate parking rules of the Boston traffic commission will create traffic chaos and will about new fire hazards during the coming holiday season, a special committee of the retail trade board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, acting for the board, went on record today as being opposed to the changes.

ADDS FOUR STREETS

The action of the board came as the result of the commission's announcement yesterday of 12-hour alternate parking on all but 14 downtown streets and today's action of the commission which added four streets on which alternate parking shall not be permitted.

The board declared that they feel Mayor Curley proposed the alternate parking rule in good faith and that they are sure he does not wish to do anything that would injure the retail trade and create new hazards.

streets was revealed yesterday by Mayor Curley.

TO GIVE DOZEN PAIRS

The Mayor announced that the traffic commissioner had agreed to present a dozen pairs from his wardrobe to the city's collection of shoes for the poor and the unemployed, which will be taken up tomorrow outside the Stadium before the Boston College-Holy Cross charity football game.

Commissioner Conry last night explained that he did not know the size of his shoes because he has had them custom-made from a special last for the past 30 years and so has forgotten the trade size.

In appealing to Boston Shriners to send in their old shoes for the poor at the Aleppo Temple banquet yesterday at the Copley-Plaza, the Mayor let the secret out. "We have one city official who is a combination of Lord Chesterfield, Beau Brummel and several others rolled into one. And if the traffic commissioner can give me a dozen pair of shoes for the city's shoeless, I think each of the 800 Shriners here can send me in at least a pair."

Ten city fire trucks will be lined up outside the Stadium tomorrow afternoon so that the football fans can enjoy a game of their own by tossing in shoes which they desire to give to the unemployed. After hearing the Mayor yesterday, the Junior League debutantes agreed to contribute dresses and cloaks as well as shoes.

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The board announced that it would file a petition with the Boston traffic commission for a public hearing on the proposed rule in the belief that other interests who find it objectionable will want to put forth their objections.

At the same time the board addressed a letter to the Boston traffic commission urging the members to put in effect a special plan for traffic control during the holidays as proposed by the civic bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the retail trade board on Nov. 16.

TRADE BOARD PLAN

The high lights in the plan proposed by the board and the civil bureau are the elimination of cruising taxicabs on Washington and Summer streets, the painting of safety lines from Avery to Franklin streets on Washington street six feet from either sidewalk to take care of the overflow of pedestrian traffic; the elimination of all parking on Washington street between Avery and Franklin streets and the elimination of the left turn from Washington street into Winter street.

The only streets in the city on which the 12-hour alternate parking regulations will not prevail are: Bromfield, Carver, Causeway, southeasterly side from Canal street to Washington street north; Devonshire, from State street to Water street; Elm, Fruit, LaGrange, Newbury, from Hereford street to Massachusetts avenue; Parmenter, School, Somerset, from Beacon street to Ashburton place; State, from Washington street to Congress street; Tremont, from Beacon street to Park street; Winter street; Court square, Lynde, Green to Cambridge streets; Salem street, from Hanover street to Chardon street, and Washington, between Milk and Adams square.

The last five streets named were selected today by the commission. The meeting adjourned after noon and announced that another meeting would be held Friday, at which time the matter would be taken up again.

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TELLS HOW GOLF HURT REPUTATION

Curley Speaks at Luncheon of Aleppo Temple

Seven hundred shriners attending Aleppo Temple's monthly get-together luncheon yesterday afternoon at the Copley-Plaza got a hearty laugh out of Mayor Curley's story about himself told to indicate the radically changed popular attitude toward golf since 1914. He told it in upholding the expenditure of \$300,000 for a second municipal golf links at West Roxbury.

After the late John A. Sullivan had consented to be the new Mayor's Corporation Counsel, Sullivan took Curley to Belmont Country Club for what was Curley's first game of golf. A few weeks later there was a hot fight for a House seat in Curley's old Roxbury bailiwick, and he went out to help the organization candidate.

Standing on the fringe of the crowd, Curley heard a spokesman for the opposing candidate say, "It's all over with Curley now! Curley has joined the idle rich—Curley has ceased to be a friend of the people. He is taking up golf!"

"Has Jim Curley gone that far?" the Mayor said he heard a woman near him exclaim, unaware of his presence. "If Curley's playing golf, I'm going to vote for the other fellow!"

The Mayor warmly praised Aleppo for its generosity in organizing the recent entertainment for the "1100 men, women and children at Long Island Poorhouse" and bespoke the hearty gratitude of these unfortunates for the good time the Shriners provided them through one whole day. The Mayor said he felt he could expect generous patronage by Aleppo of tomorrow's Stadium football game and the coming charity concerts at Boston Garden for the poor and unemployed.

Chairman Clarence J. McKenzie of the luncheon committee staged a most enjoyable entertainment in which there was choral singing and dancing by a troupe of pretty girls. Potentate Roy A. Faye, as toastmaster, introduced the Mayor, who was given a cordial reception.

MAYOR MAKES APPEAL TO JUNIOR LEAGUERS

Mayor James M. Curley, in his first appearance before the members of the Junior League in their own headquarters, 0 Marlboro st, yesterday, told the gathering that taxed the room to capacity, of the battle being waged in Boston against the business depression and unemployment.

Boston's Chief Executive said all can help, and urged the Junior League girls to contribute their old shoes, discarded coats or dresses for the use of the unfortunate. He made a plea for attendance at the Boston College-Holy Cross football game at the Harvard Stadium Thanksgiving Day, and said that before and during the game a line of discarded fire trucks will be lined up along the streets leading to the Stadium.

He said the Volunteers of America have undertaken to put shoes on all the shoeless in the city on Thanksgiving Day and have appealed to the Mayor to help. He urged those attending the game to bring along old shoes and clothes and throw them into the trucks.

The Mayor also told plans for a series of 30 Winter

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LORD NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Harvard Graduate of
33 Gets Big Bos-
ton Job



MILTON E. LORD
Appointed director of the Boston
Public Library.

Appointment of Milton E. Lord, 33-year-old Harvard graduate and former cataloguer of the Vatican Library at Rome, to succeed the late Charles F. D. Belden as director of the Boston Public Library at a salary of \$7500 a year, was approved last night by Mayor Curley.

After signing the recommendation which was made by the library trustees, the Mayor complimented Lord as the youngest director to be selected for the important post here and the latter left immediately for the Middle West to take up his work as director of the University of Iowa libraries.

With his baby son and his wife, who was Miss Rosamond Lane, daughter of the late William C. Lane, director of the Harvard University library, Director Lord will return to Boston and take over his new duties without delay.

Among the first to be notified of his formal appointment were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Lord of 35 Burrill street, Lynn, which he has maintained as his permanent mailing address in all his extensive travels.

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COLLECTION OF CLOTHES TO BE TAKEN AT GAME

Curley Suggests Fans Carry Bundles to Stadium
Tomorrow—Hose Carts to Be Stationed There

Shoes and clothing are needed by the unemployed of Boston and the quickest way to get a collection is provided by a suggestion of Mayor Curley—that every person attending the Holy Cross-Boston College football game tomorrow carry in addition to their seat tickets, a package containing one or two pairs of old shoes, an overcoat and other clothing.

No one will be burdened holding a bundle during the game. There will be no great inconvenience, for hose wagons will be stationed in front of the gates entering the stadium and at parking places in the vicinity of the Stadium. Supt. E. E. Williamson of the Maintenance Division has assigned 16 hose carts on request of Fire Commissioner Edward McLaughlin.

Arriving at the parking places or gates 2, 3, 4, and 8, 12 18, bundles can be turned over to uniformed firemen, who will pile them on hosewagons and a guarantee is given that the bundles will go to the needy without one penny of expense and without a charge of any kind to the recipients.

In addition to four wagons at the gates, wagons will be stationed at Western av and North Harvard st, Western av and American Wrecking Company parking place, Soldiers Field road at Metropolitan Driving Club and Soldiers Field road, midway between gate 12 and gate 18.

The wagons will remain at their assigned positions until 2:15 p. m.

NEEDY GET \$5 CHECKS FROM GAME RECEIPTS

Approximately 7000 families are on the rolls of the Welfare Department of the city of Boston and Mayor Curley, anticipating the generosity of the

people of Boston, saw to it that a check for \$5 went to every family today, in order that no family in Boston shall be without a Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow. The funds will come from the Holy Cross-Boston College football game.

Referring to the game tomorrow, Mayor Curley today said:

"Anticipating the generosity of the people of Boston, I have instructed the Welfare Department of the city to send a check for \$5 to every family on the list of needy, amounting to approximately 7000 families, in order that no family in Boston shall be without a Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow. The funds will come from the proceeds of the football game between Holy Cross and Boston College.

"All of the ticket agencies report good sales up to this morning, but there may be a few thousand tickets still left for final sale tomorrow. I have arranged to keep the front door at City Hall open on Thanksgiving Day morning for the first time in my service as Mayor of Boston, so that those who wish to be sure of seats may purchase them before 12 o'clock, at room 47, after which time tickets can be obtained at the Stadium gates, where they will be available while they last. Tickets are \$3 each, regardless of location.

"I am convinced that you will see one of the hardest fought and one of football games of the year. We have arranged to hold proper funeral services over the remains of General D. Pression between the halves, with both college bands playing 'Happy Days Are Here Again.' I trust that the full capacity of the Stadium will be present to give this unwelcome guest an appropriate farewell."

HERALD 11/25/31

CONCERTS TO AID UNEMPLOYED URGED

Mayor Suggests Plan at
Shriners Luncheon

Support of the series of 15 symphony concerts in Boston Garden on successive Sunday nights for the benefit of the mayor's unemployment fund was urged yesterday by Mayor Curley who addressed 700 Shriners at the monthly luncheon of Aleppo temple at the Copley-Plaza.

He said that the best orchestra and soloists obtainable would play and that he hoped to get \$5000 a night to buy oatmeal, milk and meat for Boston's undernourished children.

each member of the Vincent Club has agreed to attend the Boston College-Holy Cross game Thursday and will bring two pairs of shoes and two dresses for the poor, he said. He hopes that those attending will contribute 10,000 pairs of shoes and expected to net between \$75,000 and \$100,000. He urged every Mason to attend, and thanked the Aleppo band for its recent visit to Long Island to play for the inmates.

Mayor Curley said he would like to see a muzzle placed on every one who thought the end of the depression was far off and compared the present attitude with that existing in 1857 when people wondered whether there would ever be another period of prosperity. He promised that no one would go without a Thanksgiving dinner.

MEANS 'CHAOS AND HAZARDS' IN STREETS

**Representatives of Merchants
Strenuously Oppose Cur-
ley's 12-Hour Project**

The retail trade board of the Chamber of Commerce, heading bitter opposition forces, took steps today to prevent Mayor Curley's alternate parking plan, which was tentatively adopted by the Traffic Commission, from being put into effect.

The board, which represents Boston's largest stores, characterized the system as one that will create traffic chaos, new fire hazards and new dangers for the pedestrian without aiding the present situation.

At a special meeting a committee of the board voted to petition the Traffic Commission for a public hearing.

At the same time, the merchants' representative urged adoption of the special plan for traffic control during the holidays as proposed by the board and the civic bureau of the chamber ten days ago.

ADD 4 EXEMPTED STREETS

Meanwhile, the Traffic Commission had a special meeting at police headquarters and added four new streets to the previous list of 14 exempted from the alternate system.

The newly exempted districts are Court sq. (at City Hall), Washington st., between Milk st. and Adams sq.; Salem st. from Hanover to Charter; Lynd st. from Green to Cambridge.

Police Commissioner Hultman, who is vigorously opposed to the alternate plan and has listed more than 200 streets on which he believes it will seriously endanger property and life, attended the private meeting and is understood to have made clear his opinion that almost anything would be better than the plan which seems destined to go into effect.

WHOLE THING A MUDDLE

The entire situation as regards the future parking rights of Boston motorists was in a muddle.

Although Traffic Commissioner Conry issued a statement in which he said Corporation Counsel Silverman had approved "in the main" the amendments that will make alternate parking effective, it is understood Silverman has reached no

decision and probably will not make any decision known until the traffic commission meets again on Friday.

If the system is adopted, and apparently 10 days must elapse before such adoption legally may follow, there arises the problem of where the traffic commission will get the \$6000 or \$7000 believed necessary for new signs and new street markings to make the system clear to the motorist.

LIST OF ALL STREETS.

The commission has exhausted its funds for such a purpose.

Before it is made finally effective, the plan must also incorporate a list of all streets on which alternate parking is allowed, as well as a list of the exemptions, and it must be decided whether "all Boston streets" was meant to include just downtown streets on the intown side of Massachusetts ave., but all those in outlying sections as well.

Too, it hardly seems likely that the system will go into effect as originally planned, with the necessity of changing all parked cars from one side of the street to the other at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Such a course, at any time, but particularly during the Christmas shopping season, would cause a chaotic congestion of traffic and endanger the lives of shoppers, the retail trade board pointed out.

The trade board issued the following statement at conclusion of its meeting:

"A special committee of the Retail Trade Board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce acting for the Board, this morning went on record as being opposed to the alternate parking rule as proposed by the Boston Traffic Commission.

"At the same time it reiterated the statement of the Board issued on July 20 of this year which opposed the plan when first proposed at that time.

NEW HAZARDS

"The Retail Trade Board feels that the proposed alternate parking will not only create traffic chaos but will bring about new fire hazards because of the congestion in the streets during the coming holiday season.

"The change from one side of the street to the other at 1 p. m. will not only create traffic chaos, the board feels, coming as it does at the height of pedestrian traffic, but will serve to create new hazards for pedestrians.

"The board members feel Mayor Curley proposed the alternate parking rule in good faith and that they are sure he does not wish to do anything that

would injure retail trade and create new hazards.

"The board will file a petition with the Boston Traffic Commission for a public hearing on the proposed rule in the belief that other interests who find the proposed rule objectionable will want to put forth their objections.

"At the same time the board will address a letter to the Boston Traffic Commission urging them to put in effect the special plan for traffic control during the holidays as proposed by the civic bureau of the Boston Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Retail Trade Board on November 16.

"The high lights in the plan proposed by the board and the civic bureau are the elimination of cruising taxicabs on Washington and Summer sts.; the painting of safety lines from Avery st. to Franklin st. on Washington; six feet from either sidewalk to permit the overflow of pedestrian traffic; the elimination of all parking on Washington st. between Avery and Franklin sts. and the elimination of the left turn from Washington st. into Winter st."

CONRY'S STATEMENT

Conry, Hultman, Park Commissioner Long, John J. O'Callahan representing Thomas J. Hurley for the street commissioners, and John F. Hurley, traffic department engineer, were present today at the traffic commission meeting behind closed doors in police headquarters.

Chairman Conry issued this statement when the meeting adjourned:

"The adjourned meeting of the Boston traffic commission was held at 10 a. m. today at police headquarters for the purpose of perfecting the rules of alternate parking.

"The report of the traffic engineer showed that he recommended four additional streets be exempted from alternate parking.

"The chairman reported the result of an interview with the corporation counsel with the statement that the corporation counsel had approved in the main the amendments to the rules and that they would be all ready for formal adoption on Friday morning.

"It was further voted that the chairman be authorized to make such changes in the rules as adopted as might appear to be necessary under the emergency rule adopted on Dec. 4, 1930."

Conry would not elaborate upon his prepared statement and Commissioner Hultman would say nothing.

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BIG BATTLE ON PARKING

Inclusion of Washington Street in 12-Hour Plan Protested—Final Decision Today

PARKING BARRED UPON 14 STREETS

The streets in which parking is to be wholly barred are as follows:

Bromfield, Carver, Causeway, southeasterly side from Canal to Washington street north; Devonshire, from State to Water street; Elm street, Fruit, La Grange, Newbury, from Hereford to Massachusetts avenue; Parmenter, School, Somerset, from Beacon to Ashburton place; State, from Washington to Congress street; Tremont, from Beacon to Park street, and Winter.

Storm clouds of opposition gathered on the horizon last night as Commissioner Joseph A. Conry summoned the members of the Boston Traffic Commission to another special session to be held at police headquarters this morning when efforts will be made to make final the lifting of the parking ban on all but 14 of the city's streets.

After obtaining from Corporation Counsel Silverman an opinion that there is no question as to the legality of the proposed changes in the regulations, Commissioner Conry returned to police headquarters late yesterday afternoon and immediately sent word to the members of the commission informing them of today's meeting.

In the meantime store managers and owners, members of the Retail Trade Board, business men in the downtown area and others had swamped members of the commission with telephone calls protesting the action, proposed at yesterday's special session, of permitting alternate 12-hour parking in every street in the city, including all parts of Washington street, 14 streets excepted.

Two Votes Questioned

Together with the protests came the declaration from other quarters that two persons voting with the traffic commission at yesterday's meeting were casting their votes illegally, inasmuch as neither was a bona fide member of the board. These charges referred to Christopher J. Carven,

representing Commissioner Joseph A. Rourke of the public works department, and John J. O'Callaghan, acting street commissioner. The right of these men to take the place of the two commissioners at a session of the traffic commission was questioned by some who are opposed to the general lifting of the parking ban.

Despite earlier announcements the Traffic Commission did not vote finally yesterday to install the all-day alternate parking system throughout the city. They voted to refer the legality of the proposition to the corporation counsel and also selected 14 streets in which parking at all times will be barred when, and if, the general alternate parking plan is adopted.

Long Session

Yesterday's meeting, behind closed doors, was one of the longest sessions ever held by the Traffic Commission. Called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning the session was not adjourned until well after 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting was prolonged, it was learned because of the insistence of Commissioner Hultman that the commission vote separately on each one of the streets that he maintained should be placed on the no-parking list.

After considering separately about 60 of the streets on the police commissioner's list the commission selected 14 of them and referred the remaining 191 to Traffic Engineer John F. Hurley, who was instructed to study the conditions on these and report on the ones he thought should be included in the no-parking group. Hurley, it was indicated last night, will recommend that parking be banned in only two of the 191 streets on the commissioner's list.

Row on Washington Street

The brunt of the battle between the members of the commission yesterday, it was learned, centred on Washington street which the police commissioner was reported to have contended should be closed to all parking from Stuart street to Haymarket square. At least one other member of the commission supported the police commissioner in his contention, but when the vote on Washington street was finally taken after a lengthy argument it was not included in the list of banned streets.

The protests which followed the announcement of the Traffic Commission's action yesterday were also concerned, in the main, with the omission of Washington street from the no-parking list. It was indicated last night that discussion on this street would be reopened at this morning's meeting, when a final attempt to prohibit parking in

certain sections of the thoroughfare will be made by certain members of the commission.

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman said last night that there is no question about the legality of the proposed amendment to the traffic regulations which would lift the parking ban in all parts of Washington street and every other street in the city, with 14 exceptions, as drawn up tentatively by the Traffic Commission yesterday.

He added that in his conference with Traffic Commissioner Conry yesterday he pointed out the form in which the amendment could be cast so as to bring about just the changes that were wanted. It is in this form that the amendment will be placed before the Traffic Commission for final action at the special meeting of that body today.

HERALD 11/20/31

12-HOUR PARKING RULE

The traffic commission has passed an order establishing the alternate or 12-hour parking system in most of the downtown streets. The arrangement will go into effect very soon, probably within three weeks. Just what will happen then, nobody seems to know, for the venture is candidly called an "experiment."

Unless a great many streets are excepted from the rule—in which case the system will hardly be "uniform"—Boston will probably have some of the prettiest traffic messes in its experience. It seems unwise to adopt the same regulation for a street twenty feet wide and for another of fifty feet, or for one used by 500 vehicles daily and another used by 5000. If the new rule enables more motorists to park in the shopping district, it will be miraculous, permitting, as it does, two cars to monopolize during the day a space which a dozen or more might share under the one-hour system.

But, after all, arguing about parking rules is rather futile. There are two basic considerations which better deserve the city's study. The first is that all parking regulations are impotent things until the Legislature gives the police a stronger weapon with which to enforce them and until the police use it with vigor and impartiality. Secondly, many of Boston's downtown streets are so narrow that their use should be confined exclusively to moving vehicles. If real progress ever is to be made, large off-street parking areas must be provided either under buildings, in garages, or on vacant lots. Whether the city or private organizations should provide this needed parking space is a moot question. But there is no doubt that it is desirable.

Meanwhile the traffic commission's latest gesture only adds to the confusion in the public's mind and may aggravate the traffic problem. Boston streets will undoubtedly be more crowded with cars than ever during the Christmas shopping season, but that does not mean that more business will be done.

HERALD 11/25/31

New Parking Rule Removes Fears Of the Shopper, Curley Declares

"There have been more cars tagged for illegal parking in residential sections during the past three months than there were during the three preceding years," declared Mayor Curley last night in defence of the new 12-hour alternate parking plan. "We want to see the rule of sanity applied to the parking problem."

"The new rule is designed to remove the fears of the shopper who now hesitates to drive in town because he might get a tag or violate one of the myriad regulations. There are so many regulations that I question whether the traffic commissioners themselves know them all."

"I believe the business men will be helped by the new rule. It will open up 400 miles of streets for parking. Contrary to the assertions of some, it will not diminish the parking space on Charles street or on Dorchester avenue, at the South station. Those areas will

remain as before.

"The present law satisfies no one. The new rule is designed to relieve a third of the force now engaged in chalking automobile tires and writing out tags so they will be available to run down criminals. I feel it would be more enforceable. Out-of-town drivers would know what their rights were and where they would have to move. In the suburbs where parking presents no problem owners would merely have to move their cars at the specified hour."

"The careless motorist who now merely tears up and forgets his tag could be reached if he did not move his car before the legal limit was reached. There would no longer be any doubt that a car had parked too long if it were standing on the wrong side of the street. Remember, this is a new plan which has never been tried in any other city. I think it is worth a trial."

AMERICAN 11/25/31

Football for the Needy

B. C. and Holy Cross Show Fine Spirit

Boston College and Holy Cross College will play their annual football game on Thanksgiving Day afternoon, this time in the Harvard Stadium.

This contest will not alone decide the annual athletic championship between these anxious rivals.

It will not alone afford a reunion for the alumni and a festival occasion for the undergraduates.

It will not alone provide a spectacle of color, a brilliant scene and an athletic magnet which will attract many thousands of thrilled onlookers.

IT WILL SUPPLY A DEFINITE AND VERY CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE RELIEF OF THE POOR AND NEEDY.

The profits of this fine contest are to be delivered to Mayor Curley's Committee for the Relief of Unemployment and it is, therefore, deserving of every penny of patronage and every measure of success possible.

Neither of these colleges is rich in endowments. Their officers and their students have back of them a heritage of experience of the suffering and misery of practical life.

They know the needs of the poor and afflicted.

Knowing them, it is to their credit they have not turned away from them.

This game deserves success.

AMERICAN 11/25/31

CURLEY ORDERS EXTRA CITY ALLOTMENT

Charity Organizations Prepare
to Feed Hundreds of
Boston's Poor

Seven thousand needy Boston families will enjoy a holiday dinner due to the orders of Mayor Curley to the Public Welfare Board to present checks of \$5 each to families on its lists.

The \$5 is to be in addition to the weekly allotment distributed by the board among the poor and unemployed. This \$5 allotment was inaugurated last year by Mayor Curley when he sent out \$5 gold pieces to each needy family.

TURKEY ON THE BILL

In addition dinners will be distributed at the headquarters of various organizations and inmates of the various city and state institutions will dine royally on turkey and fixin's and be provided with entertainment during the holiday.

The more fortunate in Greater Boston are also making extensive plans for Thanksgiving. Turkey will be king as usual in most homes and in many of them, school and college students will be reunited with their families for a week-end holiday.

Today was also marked by a general exodus of students from the schools and colleges in and around Greater Boston. The great majority of students deserted the institutions but a number, living too far away, either remained or were invited to the homes of friends for the holidays.

Welfare organizations continued their last minute efforts today to make tomorrow a happy day for the needy. A Thanksgiving food sale for the benefit of the Family Welfare Society is being held from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. today at the home of Mrs. Robert Emmons, 91 Beacon st.

AMERICAN

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\$100 IN TICKETS A MEAL



Mayor Curley, in the very nick of time, saved \$100 worth of B. C.-H. C. football tickets today. The tickets had been sold to the R. H. White Co., and as a fitting bit of local color, "Rastus," the 7-year-old chimpanzee, was sent to take them to the store. Mayor Curley handed over the pasteboards and "Rastus" commenced eating them. (Staff photo.)

TRANSCRIPT

11/25/31

Curley in Final Appeal for Game

Mayor Curley gave a fifteen-minute radio talk this afternoon in final appeal for the Holy Cross-Boston College football game in the Harvard Stadium tomorrow afternoon, stating that for the first time in his recollection the front doors of City Hall would be kept open tomorrow morning to enable all late-comers to purchase tickets for the game.

In his talk, the mayor stressed the need of making the best possible showing for the benefit of the unemployed of Boston, thousands of whom depend upon the Public Welfare Department to keep starvation from the door.

He also urged the giving of old shoes and clothing, not only by those who attend the game but all others who will not go to the Stadium. The fire department will have ten wagons in the vicinity of the Stadium tomorrow to collect the cast-off articles, most of which will be delivered to the Volunteers of America.

The mayor has instructed the Public Welfare Department to send a check for \$5 to every family on the list of the needy in order that no family in the city shall be without a Thanksgiving dinner.

"I am convinced that you will see one of the hardest fought and one of the most brilliant and spectacular football games

Mayor Urges All to Attend Charity Game

Mayor Curley, in a radio broadcast over Station WNAC this afternoon, appealed to the citizens of Boston to attend the Boston College-Holy Cross game at Harvard Stadium in order that every seat there will be sold and in order that \$78,000 be raised to care for the unemployed and needy of this community.

The mayor said that anticipating the generosity of the people of Boston, the welfare department, acting on instructions from him, has sent a check for \$5 to each of the 7000 families on the relief rolls of the city to provide Thanksgiving dinners for them. The funds to cover this expenditure will come from tomorrow's game, the mayor said.

"I have arranged to keep the front door of City Hall open on Thanksgiving Day morning for the first time in my service as mayor of Boston so that all who wish tickets for the game can purchase them in Room 47 before 12 o'clock," the Mayor said.

"After that hour tickets will be on sale at the gates of the Stadium at \$3 each, regardless of location.

He also outlined plans for the burial of "General Depression"

APE BUYS BIG GAME TICKETS

"Rastus," a seven-year-old chimpanzee, which is host to the children of Boston at the R. H. White Co. this week, called on Mayor Curley at City Hall today and after purchasing 24 tickets for the Boston College-Holy Cross football game for the benefit of the jobless, attempted to eat them.

Mayor Curley snatched them from his visitor and "Rastus" became so indignant that he started to leave the mayor's office. Mayor Curley hastily apologized and after removing his red beret and bowing in forgiveness, "Rastus" returned to his duties at the store.

Retail Trade Board Opposes Mayor's Plan

Believes Alternate Parking Would Increase Fire and Accident Hazards

The Retail Trade Board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce went on record through a special committee today as opposed to the alternate parking rule proposed by Mayor Curley to the Boston Traffic Commission. The commission already has taken steps to put the plan into effect on all except about twenty streets in the city and is scheduled to take final action on the proposal at a special meeting Friday. In recording its opposition, the Retail Trade Board reiterated its statement issued July 20, last, when the alternate parking plan was first suggested.

The board believes that the proposed plan will not only result in chaotic traffic conditions but will bring about greater fire hazards because of increased congestion in the streets during the holiday shopping period. The changing of vehicles from one side of the street to the other at 1 P. M., the board feels, also will create danger to pedestrian traffic which is at its height at that hour.

The members of the board's committee declared that they believed Mayor Curley had proposed the alternate parking rule in good faith and that they were sure he did not wish to injure retail trade or create new hazards.

The board announced that it would file a petition with the Boston Traffic Commission for a public hearing on the proposed rule in the belief that other interests which believed the plan objectionable would desire to be heard. The board also announced that a letter had been sent to the traffic commission urging that it put in effect a special plan for traffic control during the holidays suggested by the Civic Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Retail Trade Board on Nov. 16.

The principal points in the plan favored by the two organizations are the elimination of cruising taxicabs on Washington and summer streets; the painting of safety lines from Avery street to Franklin street on Washington street six feet from either sidewalk to permit the overflow of pedestrian traffic; the elimination of all parking on Washington street between Avery and Franklin streets and the elimination of the left turn from Washington street into winter street.

The Retail Trade Board and the Civic Bureau, in a letter to Joseph A. Conry, chairman of the Traffic Commission, dated Nov. 16, wrote:

"The Retail Trade Board, in co-operation with the Chamber's Committee on Traffic Control and Safety, has been at work upon a plan for traffic control in the central retail district during the Christmas shopping period. As you know, this period always places an excessive strain upon the street system and extraordinary methods are necessary to maintain a free movement of traffic, to reduce congestion delays and to guard

against accidents. We present below certain recommendations requiring action by your commission, and urge favorable action thereon. We suggest that the plan apply during the entire month of December:

1.—That the Boston Traffic Commission eliminate the left turn from Washington street into Winter street.

2.—That the Boston Traffic Commission paint pedestrian lanes in the roadway adjacent to the curb on Washington street from Avery street to Franklin street, and prohibit the passage or stopping of vehicles within these lanes.

3.—That the Boston Traffic Commission paint new stop lines several feet farther back from the intersections on Washington street, at Summer street, Temple place, Bedford street and such other intersections as may be needed.

4.—That the Boston Traffic Commission endeavor to detour through traffic around the central retail district.

5.—If success is attained in bypassing through traffic and eliminating cruising taxicabs on Washington street, longer pedestrian periods might be possible in the traffic signal light cycles, the time to be taken from the Washington street period.

Our plan includes also several recommendations within the jurisdiction of the police commissioner. In order that you may have the entire picture before you, I submit these recommendations on the attached memorandum.

If this plan meets with your approval and with that of the police commissioner, we shall give it extensive publicity in the newspapers, emphasizing the fact that it is a co-operative effort on the part of public agencies and private organizations aimed toward making the retail district safe and more convenient for the Christmas shopper.

May we count on your co-operation in this plan?

The Chamber of Commerce organizations also submitted recommendations to Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman relative to traffic control during the Christmas shopping period as follows:

1.—That the regular force of traffic officers assigned to intersections in the central retail district be augmented by a small force to perform the extra duties outlined below, and that the police commissioner announce the assignment and special instruction of these forces to assist in keeping traffic moving and safe, so that Christmas shopping may be carried on more conveniently.

2.—That police officers be stationed on such cross streets as West street, Temple place, Winter street and Bromfield street, (not at the intersections) to eliminate double parking, and in general to do anything else along these streets which will keep traffic moving freely, and that a police officer be stationed at the corner of Bedford street and Harrison avenue (on Saturdays particularly) to protect the intersection.

3.—That the police commissioner prohibit the cruising of empty taxicabs on Washington street and Summer street.

4.—That a police officer exercise supervision over the taxicab stands on the Common side of Tremont street, to prevent practices which tend to congest traffic, such as backing into place and "slow moving" or "double parking" to await a vacancy.

While the special committee of the Retail Trade Board was meeting today to plan its protest against the alternate parking regulations, the traffic commission was meeting at police headquarters

to make arrangements for putting new rules into effect. The commission voted to add four more streets to the fourteen designated yesterday on which alternate parking would not be allowed. The additional streets are Court square, Lynde street, from Green to Cambridge street; Salem street, from Hanover to Charter street; and Washington street from Milk to Adams square. The exceptions were added to the list after a report had been received from John F. Hurley traffic engineer.

Chairman Conry reported that the amendments to the parking regulations necessary for putting the alternate parking plan into operation had been approved in general in readiness for adoption at Friday's meeting, at a conference with Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman. Chairman Conry would make no further statement in regard to the meeting, and Police Commissioner Hultman, who is a member of the commission, had no comment to make. The formal report of the corporation counsel as to the legality of the amendments will be submitted at the meeting Friday. It was brought out at the meeting that adoption of the amendments to authorize alternate parking would require publication of a list of the streets on which the new rules would apply as well as those excepted from the rules, and that in fairness to the public the streets should also be posted. The commission, however, has exhausted its funds for placing parking signs and it was estimated that the cost of markers to inform the public of the new regulations would be between \$6000 and \$7000.

MAYOR MUST SIGN NAME 7478 TIMES TO BONDS

Bonds to the amount of \$7,478,000, the first of the coupon variety ever issued by the city, awarded by City Treas Edmund L. Dolan, were approved yesterday by Mayor Curley. These bonds had not been disposed of in September. Temporary certificates will be exchanged in January for these bonds and the Mayor will have to sign his name 7478 times, while City Treas Dolan will affix his signature to them twice that number of times.

Volunteers of America Aid Jobless



Thanksgiving Baskets Are Distributed to Applicants

Left to Right Are Mrs. Walter Duncan, Mayor Curley and Colonel Duncan

THE largest number of applicants in the history of the Volunteers of America, averaging 475 a day for several days past, received Thanksgiving baskets from that organization today,

with Mayor Curley handing out the first baskets to the long line of those seeking relief. The distribution took place at Marston's restaurant on Hanover street. Each basket contained a roast of beef,

generous supplies of bread and butter, beans, canned goods, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, celery, corn, squash, tomatoes, flour, macaroni, sugar, apples, oranges, tea, coffee, cake and cookies; for old men,

ple and the sick, jelly and eggs. Each basket had candies for the children and milk for the baby.

The baskets were packed under the direction of Mrs. Mary MacNeill, president of the Women's Patriotic League. Assisting her were her two daughters, Georgina and Mary, cadets of the Mary E. Harrington corps, Mrs. Bertha V. Sherman, vice president Crane Auxillary, Roxbury No. 2, Mrs. M. E. Bateman, president Kearsarge Naval Auxillary, Mary Babbin, M. O. L., Joan O'Connell, Flora MacNeill, Women's Patriotic League; Mrs. Mary Harrington, daughter of the Union, and Betty Ann O'Connell of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Applicants for baskets came from Charlestown, Roxbury, Somerville, Cambridge, West End, East Boston, North End, South Boston, Hyde Park and West Roxbury.

Colonel and Mrs. Walter Duncan, regimental commanders, had general charge of the arrangements. This was the twelfth year of the distribution of Thanksgiving dinners by the Volunteers of America.

Curley Praises Filene Spirit

As honor guest at the "circus" of the Filene Woman's Club presented in the restaurant on the eighth floor of the William Filene's Sons Company store, where nearly 900 members of the club partook of the supper and participated in or witnessed the circus, Mayor Curley in his brief remarks said:

"I congratulate the store and the Filene management upon the character of the officials they have selected to do what is being neglected in many large business organizations of the country—that is, to promote a spirit of fellowship and comradeship between store officials and employees that is genuine."

he mayor remained to see the greater part of the circus and was amused by the antics of many performers. Prizes were awarded for the funniest, the prettiest and the most original costumes.

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RASTUS LIKES EVERYTHING ABOUT THE B. C.-H. C. GAME TICKETS

**Buys 20 at City Hall and Then Tries to Eat Them
When Photographers Ask Action**



MAYOR CURLEY "SELLING" TICKETS TO RASTUS

Rastus, aged 7, came to City Hall today, to do his bit for the unemployment fund, but he almost spoiled the good turn because he liked the odor, taste and appearance of tickets for the Holy Cross-Boston College game at the Harvard Stadium tomorrow afternoon.

Rastus bought and paid for 20 tickets for the game, maybe for relatives and friends—at the Zoo; but at any rate, after the cash was turned over to Mayor Curley, Rastus gripped the pasteboards. Press photographers seeking some activity asked Rastus to nose with his score of tickets.

The ticketholder was a bit bashful in the presence of the Mayor and cameras; hung his head and nervously nibbled on the tickets. But what a nibble! The tickets began to disappear and there was a scramble to convince Rastus that his diet was all wrong.

After the tickets were rescued—at least enough of the parts so that they were good for seats — Rastus shook hands with Mayor Curley and returned to the R. H. White Company store, to entertain the children visiting the toy department. Rastus is a most amusing chimpanzee.

THAT SONG ONLY FOR JOHN F.

**Mayor Says "Sweet
Adeline" Is Not
Nice for Others**

Former Mayor Fitzgerald was the only man in the country who could sing "Sweet Adeline" without being "put down for a terrible drinker," Mayor Curley complained yesterday in appealing for a broader appreciation of music.

APPEALS TO SHRINERS

As guest speaker at the banquet of the Aleppo Temple, held at the Coppley Plaza, the Mayor appealed to the 800 Shriners present to attend the civic symphony concerts and other events which he will direct this winter for the benefit of the poor and the jobless, particularly the Boston College-Holy Cross football game tomorrow in the Harvard Stadium.

"You know," said the Mayor, "Doctor Elliot once said that the trouble with the world was that people were not interested enough in music. And I am inclined to agree with him on this.

"Not since the adoption of the 18th amendment has there been anything like an appreciation of music. Before that, all sang 'Sweet Adeline.' But if you sing it today, they'll put you down for a terrible drinker. So there is only one person who sings it today," chuckled the Mayor as the capacity crowd that overflowed the hotel ballroom roared.

Sees Prosperity Not Far Off

"Where would the American republic have been without 'Yankee Doodle,' the French revolution without the 'Marseillaise,' or Irish freedom without the 'Wearing of the Green'?" demanded the Mayor. "What we need today is more music and less calamity howling.

"I believe that if we could muzzle every public official from the President down to the janitor at City Hall we would have prosperity back overnight. Some think that the depression is going to last, but I am satisfied that we will be booming along in three months, for I have never known a presidential year when we didn't have prosperity."

The Mayor was presented at the Masonic banquet by John Spottiswoode, member of the city Sinking Funds Commission, and he was given a tremendous ovation and promises of enthusiastic support for his charity events during the winter months.

TRAVELER 11/25/31

Monkey Meets Mayor



Rastus, prize Hollywood chimpanzee, believes that "the bigger they are, the harder they fall." He showed his belief in the adage today while paying a visit to Mayor Curley at City Hall by "making a pass" at his honor, which, however, failed to connect. Friendly relations, as shown above, were finally established between mayor and monkey. Rastus and his pals are entertaining at R. H. White & Co.

CURLEY HELPS GIVE OUT THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Volunteers of America Distribute 1000—Received Requests For 2500 Holiday Meals

Mayor James M. Curley at noon today gave out the first of the 1000 Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to needy families in Greater Boston by the Volunteers of America, under the direction of Col and Mrs. Walter M. Duncan.

More than 2500 requests have been made for these baskets, which contain roast beef, bread and butter, beans, canned woods, potatoes, cabbage, car-

cookies. Several other baskets have been made up for sick persons.

Unemployment is said to have been the cause for the great demand for these baskets this year. The baskets were filled under the direction of Mrs. Mary McNeill, president of the Women's Patriotic League, and were distributed this afternoon by 25 assistants, who are giving their time free.

The cash donations were not as large as previous years, but food supplies were donated in quantities by

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MAYOR CURLEY GUEST AT FILENE'S CIRCUS

Addresses Women's Club-- 900 Enjoy Antics

Mayor James M. Curley was an honor guest last night at the "circus" of the Filene Woman's Club, presented in the restaurant on the eight floor of the William Filene's Sons Company store. Nearly 900 members of the club partook of the supper and participated in or witnessed the circus, which was presented by members in costume.

Speaking after the dinner, Mayor Curley said: "I congratulate the store and the Filene management upon the character of the officials they have selected to do what is being neglected in many large business organizations of the country—that is, to promote a spirit of fellowship and comradeship between store officials and employees that is genuine."

The Mayor remained to see the greater part of the circus and was amused by the antics of many performers. Prizes were awarded for the funniest, the prettiest and the most original costumes.

Jack Cuthbert was ringmaster and Hiram Maguire acted as the "barker." The only rings in the circus were those painted around the eyes of "Toto," the clown, but despite the absence of the usual "props" the performance presented a series of rapid-fire, hilarious acts that kept the audience laughing from beginning to end.

At the supper Miss Mabel T. Wessman, president of the Filene Woman's Club, presided. Other officers present included May Burns, vice president; Alice Devitt, treasurer, and Marguerite Hughes, secretary.

Among the guests were George Watson, president of the Filene Cooperative Association, and Mrs. Watson; L. Libby, manager of the Continental Store; L. S. Bitner, store manager at Filene's; Elmer Fisher, store superintendent; Harold Humphreys, operating superintendent of the R. H. White Company, and Mrs. Humphreys; Charles Coyne, publicity director for the R. H. White Company; Harry Floyd, Mr and Mrs Ackley Slee, Mr and Mrs Robert List, Mr and Mrs Joseph Kord, Mr and Mrs Harold Bross, Clifford Bean, Mrs Maude Brennan, Mr and Mrs William Knowles and Miss Ruth Moulton.

The committee in charge of the circus comprised Agnes Hagerty, Mary Rooney, Mary Redigan, Irene Gregoire and Helen Farrington.

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RETAIL MEN OPPOSE ALTERNATE PARKING

Fear Chaos, Ask Hearing and Advance Own Plan

The Boston Retail Trade Board went on record yesterday as opposing the 12-hour parking rule proposed by Mayor James M. Curley to be effective Dec 1. In outlining their objections to the proposal, members of a special committee representing the board expressed the opinion that "traffic chaos" would result from the alternate parking plan.

It was said that the board would ask a public hearing on the proposed alternate parking plan, in a week or 10 days, so that other interests opposed to its adoption may have an opportunity to register their protests.

The Letter to the Mayor

The following letter was sent to Mayor Curley late yesterday afternoon by the Retail Trade Board of the Chamber of Commerce:

"Affirming our position on the matter of uniform alternate parking as expressed in our memorandum to the Boston Traffic Commission on July 20, copy of which was sent to Your Honor, the Retail Trade of the Boston Chamber of Commerce objects very strongly to the rule you propose for Boston during the Christmas season.

"We believe that the imposition of the rule just at the height of the Christmas business season will create a chaotic traffic condition which will be very serious, not only to the business interests, but to the pedestrians who use the streets in such large numbers in the retail district.

Sees No Aid to Trade

"We appreciate your desire to help Boston business, but we do not believe your plan will accomplish this end. In fact, it will destroy the very thing you are trying to accomplish. People who want to shop in Boston stores will find cars blocking every entrance for 12 hours. Business houses will find their places blockaded so that it will be practically impossible for merchandise to be delivered to those houses. The all-day parking parasites will rejoice at the new rule which gives them the city as a garage. New fire hazards will be created.

"It will create very bad congestion, will slow up traffic and create new hazards to the pedestrians who are on the streets in the largest numbers at 1 p m, when shifts of vehicles from one side of the street to the other are to be made.

"In accordance with the law, we are petitioning the Boston Traffic Commission for a public hearing on this proposed rule, urging the commission to postpone the adoption of the rule until after the hearing and after the first of the year.

"We sincerely hope you will be in accord with this request for postponement."

Advances Own Plan

The board will urge the Traffic Commission to put into effect the special

plan for traffic control during the holidays as proposed by the civic bureau of the Chamber, in conjunction with the Retail Trade Board, last Nov 18.

The highlights of this plan are the elimination of cruising taxicabs in Washington and Summer sts; the painting of safety lines from Avery to Franklin sts in Washington st six feet from either sidewalk, to permit the overflow of pedestrian traffic; elimination of all parking in Washington st between Avery and Franklin sts, and the elimination of the left turn from Washington st into Winter st.

The adjourned meeting of the Traffic Commission was held yesterday morning, and one more street and a portion of three others were added to the list of those which will be exempt from 12-hour alternate parking. They are Court sq, Lynde st, from Green st to Cambridge st; Salem st, from Hanover st to Charter st, and Washington st from Milk st to Adams sq.

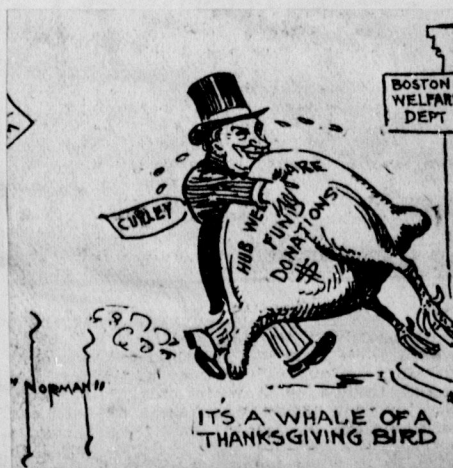
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MAYOR'S WIRE TO ROOSEVELT

Sends Thanksgiving Greetings to Warm Springs, Ga.

Mayor Curley, last night, telegraphed Thanksgiving greetings to Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, who is holding his family reunion at Warm Springs, Ga., today.

"Upon this old-fashioned New England holiday morning," read the Mayor's telegram to his presidential banner bearer, "when you have so happily gathered your dear ones around you at Warm Springs, kindly accept my greetings and sincere wishes. No man living had really more to be thankful for than your good self. The future is especially bright with its assurance that you will be the nation's first citizen. May Thanksgiving Day bring to you and yours its finest spirit and its every blessing."



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NEEDY FAMILIES TO FEAST TODAY; MERCURY FALLS

7000 on City List Given \$5
For Thanksgiving
Dinners

OTHERS TO BE FED BY SOCIAL AGENCIES

Special Services to Be Held
In Boston—Schools Closed
Until Monday

Thanksgiving day, bringing promise of free turkey dinners for the destitute and lavish feasts in the homes of the more fortunate, dawned in Boston early today with the temperature fast zooming downwards from the 60s and 70s which have given all New England spring-like weather for most of the month.

Fair and seasonably cold weather is expected for the remainder of the week.

Although automobile and railroad traffic was greatly increased by holiday travellers, the gain this year was somewhat less than in recent years. Many of those on the trains and highways were students returning to their homes from school or college.

With special church services scheduled in most of Boston's churches this morning, it is expected that the streets will be crowded. Social agencies throughout the city will be the gathering points for thousands of homeless persons unable to purchase Thanksgiving dinners.

More than 7000 needy families on the lists of the public welfare board have received \$5 gold pieces to cover the expenses of their dinners today, in accordance with a practice established last year by Mayor Curley. Thousands of baskets of foods and sweets have brought cheer into humble homes in rooming and tenement houses.

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Petition Makes Claim That Business Will Be Injured

**ONE YEAR'S DELAY
BELIEVED CERTAIN**

Four More Streets on Exempt List; Total Now Is 18

Twelve-hour alternate parking in all but 18 streets in Boston, as proposed yesterday by the Boston Traffic Commission, may not become a reality for many months.

Daniel A. Bloomfield, of the Retail Trade Board, of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, threw a bombshell into the proposed plan of Mayor Curley by sending to Chairman Joseph A. Conry of the traffic commission a demand for a public hearing, signed by 25 registered voters of the city.

PROPOSES CITY DEAL IN COAL

**Mayor Advised to Sell It
at Schoolhouses**

A recommendation that the city of Boston purchase coal in wholesale lots and sell it in bags at cost from schoolhouses, fire and police stations in the city was made to Mayor Curley last night by Ralph W. Robart, director of the State division of the necessities of life.

Robart's recommendation was in reply to a request from the Mayor that there be an investigation of coal prices in Boston.

Expressing his willingness to cooperate with Mayor Curley in every possible way to help out during the present economic depression, Robart said in his letter that the retailers of Boston have reduced their gross profits approximately \$1.08 cents per ton during the past year, and that 25 per cent of the retailers are selling anthracite at from \$14 to \$14.75 a ton.

On a basis of \$15 a ton the retailers are making a gross profit of \$2.18 to \$3.18 per ton.

The law provides that when a regulation is proposed and 25 citizens demand a public hearing on it, such hearing must be held within 30 days of the demand.

It has been planned by the commission to vote finally on the alternate parking rule throughout the city at a special meeting to be held tomorrow, at which time the official decision of Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman would be in the hands of the commission as to the legality of the rule.

It was pointed out by police officials that providing business men or others interested desire to fight the proposed 12-hour parking system, it may be a year, at least, before the rule is placed in effect, even if the courts uphold the rule of the traffic commission.

Business men, it has been pointed out, may go before the courts in opposition to the new plan and contend that by the 12-hour parking rule they have been denied access to their business. Within the past two years in Illinois such a case was tried before the Supreme Court. The court ruled that the traffic rule was unconstitutional in that it failed to allow the business houses sufficient access to their property.

Traffic experts also pointed out that in many instances property owners own reversionary interest to the middle of the street. This means that the title of property abutting the streets actually runs to the centre of the thoroughfare, and that the only right given to the public is the right of easement of traffic.

Four Streets Added

Property owners, in many streets throughout the city where this condition exists, it is figured, will appeal to the courts that the 12-hour rule is not within the easement for public travel, and not in the interests of free passage of traffic or reasonable parking.

At the special meeting yesterday of the Traffic Commission, four streets were added to the list of thoroughfares exempted from the proposed alternate parking rule. These streets are; Court square; Lynde street, from Green street to Cambridge street; Salem street, from Hanover street to Charter street; and Washington street, between Milk street and Adams square.

The alternate parking idea was voted in effect on Tuesday by the Traffic Commission, although the date on which it was to take effect was not decided, pending the elimination of all streets which were not to be placed in that category.

Tomorrow morning the members of the commission are scheduled to meet again, when the opinion of Corporation Counsel Silverman is received, to pass finally upon the matter.

The petition for a public hearing, however, will be in the hands of Chairman Conry before that time. The rule, if put into effect, will not affect emergency rules which Chairman Conry was given power to pass on Dec. 4, 1930.

MAYOR TO SEE SON PLAY ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Many organizations invited Mayor Curley to their affairs today, but it is believed that his holiday will consist of watching his son, Leo, play in Boston Latin-English High game this morning; a short call at noon to the Brass Band, 150 Summer st, which is giving 140 free dinners to the needy named by the Volunteers of America; the Holy Cross-Boston College game at the Stadium this afternoon, and dinner with his family this evening.

The Traffic Commission, yesterday for the second day, was deluged with requests by business men that the alternate parking rule be not put in effect in front of their places of business. Despite these protests, the members of the commission voted to exclude the alternate parking system from only 18 streets, the latter four of which were recommended by Traffic Engineer John F. Hurley, out of the 250 streets which Commissioner Hultman asked be banned to parking.

In addition to the sending of 25 names demanding a public hearing on the 12-hour parking rule, the following letter was sent to Mayor Curley yesterday by Mr. Bloomfield.

"Affirming our position on the matter of uniform alternate parking, as expressed in our memorandum to the Boston Traffic Commission, July 20, copy of which memorandum was sent to your Honor, the Retail Trade Board of the Chamber of Commerce objects very strongly to the rule you propose for Boston during the Christmas season.

"We believe the imposition of the rule just at the height of the Christmas business season will create a chaotic traffic condition which will be very serious, not only to the business interests, but to the pedestrians who use the streets in such large numbers in the retail district.

No Help to Business

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"In accordance with the law, we are petitioning the Boston Traffic Commission for a public hearing on this proposed rule, urging the commission to postpone the adoption of the rule until after the hearing and after the first of the year.

"We sincerely hope that you will be in accord with this request for postponement."

Calls Gov. Roosevelt Next 'First Citizen'

A telegraphic greeting from Mayor Curley will reach Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York at Warm Springs, Ga., today. It will read:

"Upon this old-fashioned New England holiday morning when you have so happily gathered your dear ones around you at Warm Springs, kindly accept my greetings and sincere best wishes. No man living has really more to be thankful for than your good self. The future is especially bright with its assurance that you will be the nation's first citizen. May Thanksgiving day bring to you and yours its finest spirit and its every blessing."

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TRADE BOARD'S ACTION FORCES PUBLIC HEARING

Final Promulgation Likely
To Be Held up Until
After Jan. 1

BLOOMFIELD SENDS LETTER TO MAYOR

Declares Plan Would Re-
sult in Chaotic Traffic
Condition

The retail trade board of the chamber of commerce, through its manager, Daniel Bloomfield, last night sent to Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry a demand for a public hearing on the traffic commission's new 12-hour alternate parking rule.

The demand was accompanied by the signatures of 25 registered voters. As required by law, the commission must hold a public hearing within 30 days.

This action was expected to hold up final promulgation of the new parking rules until Jan. 1, 1932, at the earliest. In such an event the attempt of Mayor Curley to solve Boston's traffic problems by alternate parking during the holiday rush will be futile.

The retail trade board believes that instead of simplifying the park problem, relieving traffic and attracting larger shopping crowds, the actual results will be just the opposite.

Under the law the proposed changes must be announced in the City Record for two successive weeks. Such an announcement cannot be made until after the public hearing, and thus it probably will be well after Christmas before the changes can be put into effect.

Should this attempt to hold off the alternate parking rule fail, members of the council of the trade board said last night an injunction will be sought before a superior court judge to prevent the traffic commissioner from putting the regulation into effect.

The traffic commission will meet again tomorrow morning to receive the formal opinion from Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman on the regulation. The meeting also was to have taken a final reading on the new rules.

Mr. Bloomfield also sent the demand for a public hearing to Mayor Curley, together with the request that the traffic commission postpone application of the new regulations until after Jan. 1.

LETTER TO MAYOR

The communication was sent to the

mayor shortly after a special committee of the trade board went on record as being opposed to the alternate parking plan. It was:

Affirming our position on this matter of uniform alternate parking, the retail trade board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce objects very strongly to the rule you propose for Boston during the Christmas season.

We believe that the imposition of the rule just at the height of the Christmas business season will create a chaotic traffic condition which will be very serious, not only to the business interests, but to the pedestrians who use the streets in large numbers in the retail district.

We appreciate your desire to help Boston business, but we do not believe your plan will accomplish this end. In fact, it will destroy the very thing you are trying to accomplish. People who want to shop in Boston stores will find cars blocking every entrance for 12 hours. Business houses will find their places blockaded so that it will be practically impossible for merchandise to be delivered to those houses.

The all-day parking parasites will rejoice at the new rule which gives them the city as a garage. New fire hazards will be created.

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We sincerely hope you will be in accord with this request for postponement.

ADD ONE STREET

At yesterday's special meeting the traffic commission added one street and parts of four others to the 14 streets in the city on which the alternate rule will not be effective.

The additions are Court square, Lynde street, from Green street to Cambridge street, Salem street, from Hanover street to Charter street and Washington street between Milk street and Adams square.

For more than an hour the commission discussed Washington street, which with Tremont is the principal point of objection by the retail trade board.

Because of the "bottle neck" existing on Washington street just beyond School, it was decided to eliminate the alternate parking on the stretch between Milk street and Adams square. There will be alternate parking on the rest of Washington street.

The present regulations provide for only city cars to park in Court square and for this reason it was deemed unnecessary to install the alternate arrangement.

The retail trade board, in connection with its objection to the alternate system, announced yesterday the plan for traffic control during the Christmas shopping period which they have laid out in co-operation with the committee on traffic control of the chamber of commerce.

Among the suggestions they make are the elimination of the left turn from

Washington street into Winter street, the painting of pedestrian lanes and new stop lines allowing pedestrians more room on Washington street in the vicinity of Avery, Franklin and Summer streets, the detouring of through traffic around the central retail district and the elimination of cruising taxicabs.

It was made known yesterday at the traffic commission meeting that the commission was working out an extensive program for holiday shopping traffic when Mayor Curley directed them to turn their attention to formulating the necessary plans for the city-wide alternate parking.

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Urges City Sell Coal to Aid Poor

Sale of coal at cost price in school houses, fire stations and other public buildings was recommended by Director Robart of the State Division on the Necessaries of Life to Mayor Curley yesterday in reply to his protest against the coal prices.

Robart pointed out that a city is authorized to purchase coal in wholesale lots and sell it in bags from public buildings as one method of affording relief to its poorer people. In regard to the price of coal to the ordinary consumer Robart stated that retailers of Boston have reduced their profit \$1.03 a ton.

EAGLE FOLLOWERS GATHER AT DINNER

McKenney Predicts "Great Things" in Game Today

Coach Joe McKenney predicted 'great things' for his squad of athletes in their game with Holy Cross this afternoon as the youthful Eagles mentor concluded the monster night-before smoker before a capacity gathering at the City Club last night.

"The team has improved 100 per cent. since the opening game and Holy Cross does not rate those outlandish odds that have been granted them," continued Joe.

"The boys are in the finest physical condition that it has been the pleasure of any B. C. eleven in history and have the better chance of victory before the annual encounter than almost every group that has represented the maroon and gold."

Mayor James M. Curley presided and thanked the Boston College authorities for their material aid in putting across the game for the unemployed.

Other speakers included the dynamic Joseph Scolponetti, assistant district attorney, who raised the gathering to a high pitch of enthusiasm with his vivid prophecy of a maroon and gold triumph; Registrar of Motor Vehicles Morgan T. Ryan, the Rev. Daniel Donovan of class of '16, State Treasurer Charles E. Hurley, and the famous duo of B. C. football stars, Chuck Darling and Charley Murphy.

A long list of entertainment was featured by the Boston College band under the direction of Ted Marier. Joseph Rogers '32 was chairman and toastmaster of the evening and was assisted by other senior undergraduates, including Joseph Rock, Allan Byrne, Frank Sullivan, Peter Quinn, C. Glynn Frasier, Tom Barry and Joe Lynch.

CRUSADER GRADS IN ANNUAL SMOKER

**Coach McEwan, Mayor Curley
Speak at University Club**

The Greater Boston Alumni Association of Holy Cross celebrated the annual "night-before smoker" at the University Club last evening. Capt. John J. McEwan, coach of the Crusaders, and Mayor James M. Curley were the leading speakers.

The purple mentor informed the gathering that his squad was prepared for the hardest battle of the season. McEwan declared that the purple athletes were in fine fettle and felt confident of bringing their second consecutive victory back to Worcester in two years over their arch-rival, Boston College.

Mayor Curley spoke in gratitude of the work that the Holy Cross followers have done in helping him to make a success of the game this afternoon for the fund for the unemployed. He professed a cherished hope that the stadium might still be filled to capacity by the time the opening whistle is blown at 1:45 this afternoon.

Other enthusiastic speakers for a purple victory included Denny Gildea, Sen. William S. Shanahan, Bill Metivier, and Fred Ostegren. The general chairman and toastmaster was Charles Bowman Stone, alumni secretary.

PLENTY OF TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

**Today's Sale May Realize
Curley's \$75,000 Ambition**

Mayor Curley's ardent support of the Holy Cross-Boston College game today has definitely assured a fair sized addition to the public welfare department fund with prospects, dependent entirely upon today's sale of tickets, of the realization of his ambition to reach a net profit of \$75,000.

Despite the fact that the response to his appeals for popular support of the game has not measured up to expectations, close to 36,000 tickets had been sold yesterday. The last hour's sale at Harvard Stadium, together with tickets which will be sold at room 47, City Hall, up to noon, are expected to swell the attendance to well beyond 40,000, possibly 45,000.

Failure of the usual support from Worcester means that the patronage will not reach the early expectations of Mayor Curley, who is still hopeful for a complete sellout by a last minute rush today. Tickets will be on sale at several booths outside the stadium right up to game time, while more will be sold in room 47, City Hall, up to noon.

Boston College has contributed largely to the sale of extra tickets after having disposed of her original allotment. This sale has aided materially in swelling the worthy fund for the unemployed.

The generosity of Al Somerby, theatre executive, will enable 29 boys at the working boy's home in Newton to attend the stadium contest this afternoon. Somerby dispatched \$100 for four tickets yesterday and the mayor used the balance to purchase tickets for the boys.

GEN. D. PRESSION BURIED AT STADIUM

**Curley to Officiate Today at
Ceremony Between the
Halves of Game**

During the exercises incident to the burial of Gen. D. PreSSION, in Harvard stadium, this afternoon, at which Mayor Curley will preside between the halves, a telegram announcing the death will be sent to all Governors and the mayors of leading cities.

It will read:

This afternoon in Harvard stadium, in the presence of the great crowd gathered to witness the annual football game between Holy Cross and Boston College, funeral services were held over the remains of Gen. D. PreSSION. The college bands played "Happy Days are Here Again" and there was a smile on the face of everybody, as they all knew that a large percentage of the proceeds of the game was to be turned over to the relief work of the welfare department of the city of Boston.

Seven thousand families in Boston, on the list of the department, received \$5 each to pay for a Thanksgiving dinner, today. So far as New England and Boston are concerned, Gen. D. PreSSION is officially dead. I hope the entire country will soon be rid of his unwelcome presence.

ROBART URGES CITY SELL COAL AT COST

**Advises Mayor It Would Be
Humanitarian Service**

Mayor Curley was advised yesterday by Ralph W. Robart, director of the state division on the necessities of life, that he could perform a humanitarian service to the unemployed of Boston if he would establish a system of distributing coal at cost in small quantity lots.

He suggested that the mayor arrange for the purchase of coal at wholesale for distribution to citizens in distress at schoolhouses, fire stations, police stations and other municipal buildings during the winter months.

He called the mayor's attention to the statutes which permit municipalities to distribute the necessities of life at reasonable rates during periods of emergency and distress.

Director Robart's advice to the mayor was delivered in reply to a communication from City Hall protesting against the current prices being charged for coal and asking for an investigation. In his reply Robart informed the mayor that "we find upon checking up that present day conditions have apparently been misrepresented to you."

An investigation, according to Robart, has disclosed that retail coal merchants have reduced their gross profit to approximately \$1.08 per ton in the last year. He could find no evidence of collusion among dealers to keep prices at a high level.

The investigation revealed that the per capita consumption of coal in 10 years has decreased from 1.6 tons to one ton. This condition, Robart found, is due to the practice of householders in turning to substitutes.

CURLEY BLESSES BASKETS FOR NEEDY

**Mayor Made Honorary Mem-
ber of Paramount-Publix
Service Club**

Mayor Curley yesterday afternoon blessed 25 baskets of Thanksgiving provisions which the service clubs of the Boston Paramount-Publix theatres last night presented to needy families in this city.

Each basket contained a dollar bill, in addition to bread, butter, vegetables, fruit, canned goods, turkey and cranberries. The mayor blessed the baskets and spoke briefly in front of the partially completed Paramount-Publix Theatre on Washington street. He was made an honorary member of the Paramount Service Club.

Traffic on Washington street was held at a standstill for several minutes as hundreds of persons crowded off the sidewalks and on to the pavement to watch the 36 members of the Paramount-Publix drill team execute a military drill.

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COLLECTION OUTSIDE STADIUM FOR NEEDY

Crowd Is Asked to Bring Shoes and Clothing

Shoes and clothing are to be collected at the entrances of Harvard Stadium before the Holy Cross-Boston College football game today. The clothing will be collected by uniformed firemen and placed in 10 hose carts which will be stationed in front of the gates until 2:15 p. m.

Mayor Curley has requested every person attending the game to carry, in addition to his tickets, a package containing one or two pairs of old shoes, an overcoat, and other clothing, which he says the unemployed of Boston would be thankful to receive.

A guarantee is given that the bundles will go to the needy without one penny of expense and without charge.

\$5 Checks to 7000

Approximately 7000 families are on the rolls of the Welfare Department of the city of Boston and Mayor Curley, anticipating the generosity of the people of Boston in buying tickets for today's game, saw to it that a check for \$5 went to every family yesterday, in order that no family in Boston shall go without a Thanksgiving dinner today. The funds will come from the football game receipts.

Of today's game, Mayor Curley said yesterday: "All of the ticket agencies report good sales up to this morning, but there may be a few thousand tickets still left for final sale tomorrow. I have arranged to keep the front door at City Hall open Thanksgiving Day morning for the first time in my service as Mayor of Boston, so that those who wish to be sure of seats may purchase them before 12 o'clock at room 47, after which time tickets can be obtained at the Stadium gates, where they will be available while they last. Tickets are \$3 each, regardless of location.

"I am convinced that you will see one of the hardest fought football games of the year. We have arranged to hold proper funeral services over the remains of General D. Pression between the halves, with both college bands playing 'Happy Days Are Here Again.' I trust that the full capacity

of the Stadium will be present to give this unwelcome guest an appropriate farewell."

Chimpanzee Buys Tickets

Rastus, an amusing chimpanzee from the toy department of the R. H. White Company, came to City Hall yesterday to do his bit for the unemployment fund, and bought and paid for 20 tickets for the game. While waiting for Mayor Curley to shake hands with him, Rastus started to chew up the tickets, but they were rescued.

A messenger arrived at Mayor Curley's office yesterday afternoon with a letter from Al Somerby of the Old Howard and Bowdoin Square Theatres asking for four tickets for the Holy Cross-Boston College game for his personal use and inclosing a check for \$100. Mayor Curley parted with a block of four of his own tickets and with the remainder of the \$100 purchased 29 tickets which will be used by boys of the House of the Angel Guardian.

Extra service will be operated on the Cambridge-Dorchester rapid transit line and on the main line elevated of the Boston Elevated Railway to take care of the crowds.

On the Cambridge-Dorchester line, four-car trains will be operated every three minutes from 12 o'clock to 12:45; then every 2½ minutes until 1:30 o'clock. On the main line elevated, connecting with the Cambridge-Dorchester rapid transit, the Summer-Winter-Washington stations, trains will be operated every four minutes beginning at noon, from Forest Hills, and Everett stations.

After the game, extra service will be furnished on rapid transit lines and on the surface.

MAYOR CURLEY SPEAKER AT H. C. "NIGHT BEFORE"

The annual "Night Before," a fixture on the eve of Boston College-Holy Cross football game was observed by the Holy Cross Club of Greater Boston at the University Club last night, more than 100 attending.

Among the speakers were Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, and Capt John J. McEwan, coach of the Holy Cross eleven.

Mayor Curley was introduced by Charles Bowman Strome, '23, general secretary of Holy Cross College Alumni, who said that the Mayor had done wonderful work in arousing interest in the game.

Mayor Curley predicted there would be a capacity crowd at Harvard Stadium to see the game this afternoon. Already, he said, according to reports

submitted to him, 40,000 tickets have been sold. He believed both colleges would benefit in many ways, while the unemployed of Boston would benefit to a large extent. He has promised to give 7000 families \$5 each, a matter of \$35,000, from the proceeds. He took occasion to thank the press for its cooperation, and expressed the hope that all future football games between the two Jesuit colleges would be played at the Stadium.

In closing he said his son, who is a student at Boston College, had informed him that Holy Cross was surely in for a beating, but of that, personally, he was not so certain.

Capt McEwan reviewed the work of his team during the season now coming to a close. He admitted that he was somewhat worried about the outcome of the game notwithstanding that he believed he had a little better team than that of Boston College.

Other speakers were Arthur T. "Bunny" Corcoran, Jack Haggerty of the coaching staff, George T. Hughes, '24, of Dover, N. H., John F. Sullivan, '09, of Beverly; Leo Foster, '11 of Boston, and T. F. Hurley, '19.

The speaking was preceded by a buffet supper, and ended with moving pictures of games in which Holy Cross participated this season.

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VOLUNTEERS GIVE OUT THANKSGIVING DINNERS

Hundreds of Baskets Distributed at Hanover Street Restaurant

Hundreds of baskets containing complete Thanksgiving dinners were given to needy families yesterday by the Volunteers of America at Marston's restaurant, Hanover street, off Scollay square. Mayor Curley, Miss Mary Curley and Judge Emma Fall Schofield were among those who helped distribute the foodstuffs.

Officials of the organization, which for the past 12 years has distributed Thanksgiving dinners to the needy, report that the applications for aid this year have been greater than ever before. An average of 475 applications a day, many from the "white collar" class who never applied before, were received during the past week.

Owing to the illness of Col. Nellie N. Duncan, the baskets were packed under the direction of Mrs. Mary MacNeill, president of the Women's Patriotic League. Col. and Mrs. Walter Duncan, regimental commanders, had general charge of the arrangements.

CURLEY SENDS ROOSEVELT THANKSGIVING GREETINGS

Gov Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York at a family reunion at Warm Springs, Georgia, this morning will receive the following telegram from Mayor James M. Curley:

"Upon this old-fashion New England holiday morning when you have so happily gathered your dear ones around you at Warm Springs, kindly accept my greetings and sincere best wishes. No man living has really more to be thankful for than your good self.

"The future is especially bright with its assurance that you will be the Nation's first citizen. May Thanksgiving Day bring to you and yours its finest spirit and its every blessing."

\$187,388 LAND DAMAGES APPROVED BY CURLEY

Land damage awards aggregating \$187,388 were approved by Mayor Curley yesterday. The largest, \$100,000, was made to the R. T. Adams Company for land taken to permit of the widening of Arlington street between Stuart and Tremont streets.

A compromise with the Massachusetts P. & R. Infirmary resulted in the payment of \$72,388 for 4574 square feet of land on Embankment road, taken to make possible the traffic circle at Charles and Cambridge streets. The street commission originally awarded \$54,882 but following the start of court action for a judicial determination of the value, an amicable agreement was reached. Elizabeth D. Lee was awarded \$10,000 for 1000 square feet of land on North street, Brighton, and the City Government accepted a gift of \$10,000 for 10,000 square feet of land on North street, Brighton.

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DAY OF THANKS AND CONTUSIONS

Big Football Game and Wrestling Match for Charity; Stanford Is Here; Looks Like Big Week-End

BY BILL CUNNINGHAM

With his Honor, the Mayor, whanging the tambours of ballyhoo, Boston College and Holy Cross engage in their traditional stem-winder upon the sacrosanct sod of the Harvard Stadium this 1:45. The Mayor is mixed in because all the receipts above a certain nominal figure will be donated to his unemployment fund. It's to be hoped that he does a little better than he did in the case of a certain red-headed evangelist who held forth here recently. His Honor's cut of her one-ring circus wouldn't have bought grease for your grandmother's spectacles.

Today's game is a fine investment for any football lover. Here are a couple of teams, neither of which has any inferiority complex about the other, each of which is in great condition and raring for action, each of which has a fine tradition to uphold. They'll be in there battling not only for glory, but for gold to help the needy. You wouldn't be able to get tickets if they were playing in a less roomy compound. Clear your dates and your plates and help football help the unfortunate. You'll get a big return for your investment in two ways.

And while we're speaking of athletics, Thanksgiving and charity, there's another one of a slightly different nature tonight at the Arena that ought to pack 'em in to the sills. Old Gustavus Adolphus Sonnenberg, himself, and not a motion picture, will wring the neck, or vice versa, of a gent named Charley Strack—the top percentage of the receipts to go to the orphanage of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A lot of these charity shows are the plain old phonus balonus, but you can bet your shirt and your undershirt, too, that any of them bearing the trade-mark of Alex MacLean is on the up and up like a fire ladder. Alex is the motive force behind this one, and Sonnenberg is the velocity. We don't know brother Strack, but we feel just a little sorry for him.

GUS MAY COLLECT SOUVENIRS

Gus is back in our midst from a Honolulu honeymoon, smelling of lotus flowers, ukeleles and a new kind of toilet water. He was decorated with leis and shark's teeth, not to mention a few native medals, but if what Alex says about his versus is true, he may get decorated with a few souvenirs of a far less removable variety. Both Mr. Sonnenberg and Mr. Strack are former football players.

Both, incidentally, are attending the Boston College-Holy Cross game, but in order that nothing more violent than football may happen out there, each will be parked upon an opposing side of the field. Mr. Sonnenberg, as nearly as could be ascertained by the office ascertainment, will be rooting for Boston College, and I can understand that, for one of the toughest days he ever had on a football field was handed him by a Holy Cross contingent.

GLOBE 11/26/31

ROBART PROPOSES CITY COAL STATIONS

Sell at Cost in Bags—Says Dealers Have Out Profits

Ralph W. Robart, director of the State Division on the Necessaries of Life, has written a reply to a communication of Mayor Curley in which the latter protested against the price charged for coal. Mr. Robart makes the suggestion that as one method of affording relief to the poorer people of Boston the city purchase coal in wholesale lots and sell it at cost in bags at fire stations, schoolhouses and other municipal buildings. Under the law any city is authorized to do this, he declared.

As far as the price to the ordinary consumer is concerned, said Mr. Robart, the retailers of Boston have reduced their gross profit approximately \$1.08 per ton during the past year, with approximately 25 percent of the dealers selling anthracite from \$14 to \$14.75 a ton.

"Coal, from the standpoint of the consumer," said Mr. Robart, "is in a more wholesome condition competitively, than at any time since the war. Prior to last Spring retail prices were fairly uniform, although the division was unable to find any evidence of an understanding between dealers for establishing prices. It is our opinion that the smaller dealers in Greater Boston have based their selling prices upon those charged by the larger companies in the Boston district."

Calling attention to figures showing that the demand for anthracite in Boston dropped from 1.6 tons to one ton per person between 1921 and 1931, Director Robart pointed out that the coal operators and dealers are seeking to regain their lost ground through not only price concessions, but services of various kinds.

After stating his belief that the Mayor is misinformed as to the general situation, Director Robart expressed his desire that some means be devised for the fixing of a low price for the thousands of families in the Boston district whose circumstances necessitate the purchase of coal in 25-pound bags, and then suggested to the Mayor that he open coal stations to meet this situation.

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Land takings costing the city of Boston \$187,388 were approved yesterday by Mayor James M. Curley. The largest single item, \$100,000, was for the final taking in connection with the Arlington st widening. Payment is to R. T. Adams Co. The Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary will receive \$72,388 on a compromise settlement for 4574 sq feet of land on Embankment road taken in connection with the Charles st widening. Elizabeth D. Lee will receive \$10,000 for 1857 sq feet of land on North Harvard st and Edward J. McGovern is awarded \$5000 for 17,963 sq ft of land in connection with Morton st widening.

BOARD AT WAR ON PARKING

Back of closed doors, a small war was fought today in the rooms of the traffic commission at police headquarters over the new 12 hour alternate parking plan.

And when it was over Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry and Engineer John F. Hurley of the traffic department sped for headquarters to the office of Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, who had been the brunt of a heated attack in the commission rooms.

Atty. Silverman was supposed to be present at the meeting and hand in a written opinion on legality of the new parking plan advocated by Mayor Curley, but the meeting was forced to adjourn because neither Silverman nor his opinion arrived.

Instead of submitting his opinion on the alternate parking plan, as had been expected, Silverman the City Record before it goes into effect. A public hearing must be held within 30 days. Whether, if they are eventually successful in enacting the new law, the commission can do so before Jan. 1, in the face of the hearing and advertising obstacles, there appears considerable doubt.

Failing to prevent enactment by overwhelming protest at a public hearing, the opponents of the plan were reported prepared to resort to application for a court injunction, a process that might well postpone any change until after the new year.

He telephoned the traffic commission and asked a number of questions of Chairman Conry.

BERATES SILVERMAN.

Following this conversation, Conry is understood to have berated Silverman during the commission meeting and to have charged him with "insincerity," but in other words.

At the meeting, Police Commissioner Hultman, one of the traffic commissioners, also asked that Silverman be requested to submit an opinion on the tagging muddle, inasmuch as a judge has ruled that police must see a driver park a car or start to drive away again before a tag can be handed out legally.

Police have been critical of the commission for working solely on parking matters, without considering ways and means of taking legal action against illegal parkers.

Present at the meeting, in addition to Chairman Conry and Commissioner Hultman, were Commissioner William P. Long, of the park department; John J. O'Callaghan, representing Commissioner Thomas J. Hurley, and Christopher Carven, representing Commissioner Joseph A. Rourke.

Following the heated session, Mayor Curley issued a statement, declaring that the alternate parking plan has been a success in the streets in which it has been tested, and until it is given a city-wide tryout, it should not be condemned.

He also said that the recent ruling of the courts that tags for automobile parking regulations must be presented to the drivers rather than placed on the machine has created a "chaotic condition" that calls for immediate relief.

"I do not know that the alternate parking rule would be the ideal solution of the problem," the mayor said, "but I believe that it should be tried out before it is condemned."

25,000 POLICEMEN

"Under the present system it would be necessary to have 25,000 policemen to curb the activities of persons parking cars in restricted areas."

"Present conditions must be remedied and there is a possibility that alternate parking is the remedy."

After the meeting, the following statement was issued by the commission:

"The traffic commission met this morning for the purpose of considering the alternate parking plan."

"The opinion of the corporation counsel not having been received, it was voted to adjourn until the opinion has been received in writing from the corporation counsel as to the form and legality of the proposed amendments."

RECORD 11/27/31

Sallies Treat Is Turkey for 1000 Children

Thanksgiving, in special and poignant meaning, was observed in Boston yesterday for the poor who more than ever needed giving, and by those more fortunate who shared their bounty with thousands of families and for the joy of the city's helpless children.

Charitable and relief organizations furnished dinners to the needy and the unfortunate on a scale larger than in many years. Schools, prisons, state and city institutions and private societies co-operated with special effort to bring at least one day of cheer and comfort to those who so urgently needed their help.

More than 1000 children thronged Ford Hall for the annual Thanksgiving dinner furnished by the Salvation Army. A complete turkey dinner, with "fixin's," was served to little ones, many of them destitute.

Mayor Curley sent a special representative to the dinner to greet the children, and a gala band furnished music. Brigadier T. W. Hargrave was in charge of the program.

The Volunteers of America dis-

SANTASON GETS ROYAL GREETING

300,000 Children and Parents Line Streets for Big Parade

JORDAN MARSH CO. SPONSORS HIS VISIT

All the way from the North Pole, Santason arrived yesterday in Boston to be met by a record-breaking welcome from 300,000 children of Greater Boston and their parents, in perhaps the most unusual reception ever extended a visiting personage.

From now until Christmas Day Santason will reside in his castle on the second floor of the annex of Jordan, Marsh Company, which sponsored his visit to the city. There he will personally give advice on Christmas toys, and will tell about Santaland, from whence he comes.

So important is the visit of Santason considered that the chief executive of Boston, Mayor Curley, was on hand to welcome him officially when his silver-winged Bellanca plane Northwind landed in the choppy waters of the Charles river basin before the very eyes of thousands and thousands of children.

GETS WARM GREETING

And when Santason, raced from the plane in a speedboat, put his foot on the landing at Embankment road at Beacon streets, a great shout went up from the boys and girls. Francis Curley, 7, youngest son of the mayor, who warmly greeted the ambassador of Santa Claus in Santaland, was given a toy electrical train set by Santason.

There were presents for others, too. Martha Marchant, 8-year-old daughter of Louis Marchant, local advertising man, and Caroline Glynn, 4-year-old daughter of Frank Glynn, of 10 Fairlawn avenue, Milton, a Jordan Marsh executive, were each given a doll and complete wardrobe.

Then the huge parade in honor of Santason started to unwind itself over two miles of streets. It was worth coming all the way from the North Pole for such a welcome, Santason said later. Despite the sleet storms that tried to bar him from reaching Boston and Jordan Marsh's, and the perilous flight over the icy mountains coming south, he felt that the reception tendered him made it all worth while.

For there was music, plenty of it. Eight bands. And gaily-colored balloons, with the funniest animals prancing about in the air. And clowns, and cowboys, and pirates (fierce-looking fellows, too) and Indians and gnomes and Eskimos to guard Santason, and characters of all sorts from Mother Goose rhymes.

QUICK HEARING WILL BE GIVEN PARKING FOES

Silverman Will Advise
Commission It Can Act
At Once

OPPONENTS READY FOR COURT APPEAL

Legal Complication Seen
Over Objections of
Abutters

Mayor Curley and the traffic commission are determined to put in effect the commission's new 12-hour alternate parking rule in time to experiment with it during the Christmas holiday season regardless of the strenuous opposition of the retail trade board of the chamber of commerce, city officials disclosed last night.

Every effort will be used to prevent any delay being caused by the demand of the trade board on the commission for a public hearing on the proposed changes. As this hearing, under the law, must be given within 30 days, the trade board had assumed that because of the importance of the issue most of this period would necessarily be taken up in the time allowed for preparation and presentation of its case. Then as the law further requires that the changes must be first advertised two successive weeks in the City Record, the board was confident that the new rule could not become operative before Jan. 1 at the earliest.

SILVERMAN TO ACT

Samuel Silverman, corporation counsel, will go before the traffic commission today, however, and advise it that it may proceed immediately with consideration of the trade board's petition—that it may, if it sees fit, hold a hearing on the petition and give its decision tomorrow.

Mayor Curley, officials said, does not think the retail trade board is certain of its own position, and his directions are that the traffic commission expedite consideration of the board's protest so that the new rule will be put through in time for the holidays. The commission, with the possible exception of Police Commissioner Hultman, is prepared to meet his wishes.

If the program agreed on by city officials yesterday is followed, the only

appeal left for opponents of the new rule is to the courts. This they are ready to make.

Daniel Bloomfield, manager of the trade board, will also go before the traffic commission today and protest vigorously against any plan to "rail-road" through the new parking rule. He will insist that the opponents be given reasonable time to prepare their case.

LEGAL COMPLICATION

A new legal complication which arose yesterday, however, may tear down the mayor's program. This is the question of whether the traffic commission has the power to allow 12 hours' parking outside an abutter's place of business if he objects, on the ground that it interferes with the normal conduct of his business.

This doubt is causing the city officials backing the mayor's plans considerable worry. They expect to meet it with the argument that the traffic commission does not affirmatively allow parking on any street but does it negatively by prohibiting parking on the other side. They frankly expect, though, that some abutter will take this case to court by applying for a writ to prevent parking outside his establishment and are uncertain how the courts will receive their interpretation of the law.

Mayor Curley announced last night that the new parking hours will be from midnight to noon, instead of the present hours of 1 A. M. to 1 P. M. He declined to comment on the trade board's position, declaring this is now up to the traffic commission to handle.

Contrary to the general impression, the mayor and commission do not intend to take down the existing traffic signs and erect new ones. The present signs will remain, but wherever there is congestion a police officer will be on hand to direct motorists that they may park 12 hours even though the signs may indicate that only one-hour parking is permitted.

HULTMAN'S OPINION

In the opinion of opponents, this scheme will only add to the confusion they predict will result, and will require a police officer on nearly every street affected by the new rule. It is not certain that Police Commissioner Hultman will approve of this.

City officials asserted last night, however, that the police commissioner has already pledged to co-operation to save the expense of new signs until it is learned whether the experiment of 12-hour parking is successful. They expressed surprise at reports that Hultman fought the new rule, and declared that on the contrary that he had voted for it and that the commission was unanimous in its approval.

It was related that during a conference between Mayor Curley and the traffic commissioners, the mayor said to Hultman, "Won't this new plan release a number of officers and allow them to look for crooks instead of tagging automobiles?" Mr. Hultman agreed, according to officials who said they were present.

The idea of getting around the cost of new signs rests on a provision in the traffic rules which allows a policeman directing traffic to give directions contrary to signs and rules if he considers such action necessary to expedite traffic. He may, for example, wave a motorist past a red light or "stop" sign during peak hours.

Mr. Silverman declined last night to discuss his conference with the traffic commission today but in reply to

questions said there is no requirement that the commission must advertise any hearing. It is within the commission's discretion, he said, to order a hearing held at any time.

BLOOMFIELD REPLIES

Mr. Bloomfield, who sent the demand for a public hearing to Chairman Conroy of the traffic commission accompanied by the signatures of 25 registered voters, expressed confidence last night that the problem before the commission is such that it cannot be settled in a day or a week. He said:

"If the rules should be set definitely at Friday's meeting without waiting for the hearing, the hearing would be just a gesture. I don't believe the commission is going to try to ignore the petition in that way.

"In its advertisement in the City Record, the commission must specify which streets are included in the new rule, and on which side of the street parking is to be permitted. A blanket advertisement is not sufficient. It will take some time for the commission to ascertain all of the streets and on which the rule will be in effect."

The mayor still adhered yesterday to his opinion that the new rule will simplify parking, attract larger shopping crowds to the retail sections and prove satisfactory to most business men after a trial. The retail trade board believes great disorder would result and that retail trade would suffer. Its members believe that a hearing will give them an opportunity of convincing the mayor and commission that their program should be greatly modified.

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MAYOR FIRM ON PARKING STAND

Determined to Test It
During Holidays

Despite growing opposition of the retail trade board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, it was learned last night that Mayor Curley is determined to put the 12-hour alternate parking plan into effect immediately to test it out during the Christmas shopping rush.

The retail board has filed a protest which calls for a hearing within 30 days and because this requires the notice of the public hearing to be published twice in the City Record, it was expected that this would hold over the parking plan until after the shopping season.

A meeting of the Traffic Commission will be held today to act on the plan and the protest and it is expected that Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman will deliver an opinion to the board that they will be able legally to put the plan into effect right away. But at the same meeting Daniel Bloomfield, manager of the trade board, will appear and will protest the action of the commission in giving practically unlimited parking to motorists.

Bas Relief of Washington



(Transcript Photo—Frank E. Colby)

Mayor Accepts Official Plaque

Thomas E. Murphy, Associate Director of Boston Tercentenary Parades Last Year, Presents Design for the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration in 1932, Which Will Be on Display in the Mayor's Office Throughout the Year

Midnight Shows Netted \$21,092

Disappointing as today's reflections were in the office of the mayor as the result of the poor attendance at yesterday's Holy Cross-Boston College football game, there was a ray of sunshine when representatives of the motion picture industry called to present Mayor Curley with a check for \$21,092.55 as a contribution to the official fund for unemployment. The check represented the proceeds of the midnight shows in sixty-six theaters of the city and suburbs last Friday night.

In presenting the check in behalf of the theaters, G. Ralph Branton, chairman of the committee, told the mayor that the theatrical industry in all its branches has always been willing to give its time, talent and services in behalf of worthy causes, and that if there ever was a worthy cause the present unemployment relief is one. "And in turning this money over to you, we know it will be administered wisely and will aid in preventing suffering and hardships in the many families who are deserving of assistance."

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\$21,092.55 RAISED AT BENEFIT SHOWS

Curley Accepts Check For Unemployed From Motion Picture Industry Group

Mayor James M. Curley this morning accepted on behalf of the unemployment fund a check for \$21,092.55, proceeds of the motion picture industry's unemployment relief benefit performances, held last Friday night by 66 theatres in Boston and suburbs. G. Ralph Branton, chairman of the Boston city committee of the motion picture industry, made the presentation.

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Thousands About Basin

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His Honor buried Gen. D. Pression—not with a eulogy, but with a scathing denunciation.

AMERICAN 11/27/31

MAYOR IS GOING TO N. Y. GAME

Mayor Curley, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary F. Curley, and by his secretary, Cornelius A. Reardon, and assistant secretary, John A. Sullivan, leaves Boston at 5 p. m. tonight from Back Bay station to attend the Army-Notre Dame football game tomorrow in Yankee Stadium, New York.

The party will spend Sunday in New York also, but the mayor will be back in City Hall on Monday.

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Hurley in Reviewing Stand

In front of the State House was a reviewing stand, in which sat State Treas Charles F. Hurley, representing the Governor. On his left was Maj Edward G. Sampson of the Governor's

staff and on his right was Capt V. P. Coyne, also of the Governor's staff. Mr Hurley's son and Joseph A. Kozlowsky, a friend, completed the official delegation.

Also in the stand were many more persons, including a number of directors and officials of Jordan Marsh Company. Present as guests were Maj Gen and Mrs Malvern H. Barnum, Lieut Col F. E. Davis and Mrs Davis, and Maj P. F. O'Keefe and his two grandchildren, Maj and Mrs Edward Child, and Mrs Travers D. Carman. Maj Carman acted as master of ceremonies.

Jordan executives present were Mr and Mrs Edward Milton, B S. White, W. S. Tufts, Thomas F. Lockney and Mr and Mrs William Parr.

All the marchers executed "eyes right" neatly as they passed the stand, even the clowns with the inflated rubber heads rolling their funny faces around. The huge balloons, 30 or 40 feet tall, couldn't turn their heads, but they could bow and they did. In fact, they bobbed up and down all the way along the route. They tried to rise up and fly away, but the cords held them down. They weren't still a

MAYOR CURLEY TO ADDRESS BOSTON BOND CLUB

Mayor James M. Curley will be the guest speaker at the luncheon of the Bond Club of Boston at the Chamber of Commerce at 12:30 p m tomorrow.

Curley Thanks One and All

Mayor James M. Curley entered the press box just before the half ended. Hizzoner gave a splendid spiel, thanking one and all for their efforts in behalf of the fund for the unemployed.

With due ceremony, General Depression was buried between halves. A casket was carried on the field by four scholarly and gloomy B. C. youngsters, followed by a clown, and Gen Depression was planted on the sacred sod of the Stadium.

Post 11/27/31 MAYOR REVELS IN GRID GAMES

Sees Two on Holiday— Has Dinner at 6

Just like thousands of others who went out to the Stadium grid battle, yesterday, Mayor Curley did not sit down to his Thanksgiving turkey until 5 o'clock last night, creating a mayoral precedent for New England's festive holiday.

And as though he had not had enough football during the day, he was at two games—his family talked football well into the night, replaying the games in the library of the Mayor's Jamaica Way home.

Out of the day the Mayor drew a 50-50 break, although Paul, the eldest son, saw his Boston College team lose out to Holy Cross in the afternoon; Leo, the next in line, played for Boston Latin in its victory over English High in the morning.

Besides attending both games, the Mayor took his youngest son, Francis, to meet Santason on the Common the very first thing yesterday morning.

Joining with the Mayor's family in celebrating the holiday was Miss Loretta Bremner of Chicago, fiancée of the late James M. Curley, Jr., and a classmate at college with Miss Mary Curley, the Mayor's only daughter. Miss Bremner, with her parents, is spending the holiday and week-end at the Mayor's home.

SENATOR WARD AT CITY HOSPITAL

Roxbury Solon Suffering From Arthritis

Senator Michael Ward of Roxbury is a patient at the City Hospital, suffering from infectious arthritis, it was learned today. Mr Ward was reported as resting comfortably.

MOZART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONTRACT AWARDED

Matthew Cummings Company was today awarded the contract amounting to \$112,098 for the Mozart Elementary School in the Longfellow District, West Roxbury. There were 10 bidders and the contract went to the lowest bidder. The highest bid was \$134,000.

MAYOR LEAVES LATE TODAY FOR GAME

Mayor James M. Curley will leave late today for New York where he will attend the Notre Dame-Army game tomorrow.

TRAVELER 11/27/31

Curley Receives Check for \$21,092, Proceeds of Benefit Shows Friday



Presentation to Mayor Curley of \$21,092.55 the entire receipts from benefit performances at 66 theatres in Boston and suburbs, was made today at his office by the Boston city committee of the motion picture industry's relief benefits. Seated, left to right: Victor Morris, G. Ralph Branton, Mayor Curley, R. A. Somerby. Standing, left to right: J. J. McGuinness, Morris Wolf, George A. Giles, John H. Devlin, Stanley Sumner, Harry McDonald.

Actors, Musicians and All Those Who Contributed Services Are Praised

A check for \$21,092.55, representing the gross receipts from benefit midnight shows Friday night in 66 theatres in Boston and suburbs, was presented to Mayor Curley at his office, today, by G. Ralph Branton, chairman of the Boston city committee of the motion picture industry's relief benefits.

BRANTON THANKS AIDES

In making the presentation, Branton paid tribute to the actors, musicians, projectionists, stagehands, theatre employees, managers and owners who contributed their services to the benefits. He also expressed appreciation for the aid given by the various women's clubs and other organizations in the sale of tickets.

He said in part:

"On behalf of the motion picture industry and the 66 local theatres who so splendidly co-operated with out Boston city committee, it gives me great pleasures to present through you this check for \$21,092.55 for your unemployment fund.

"As you know, the theatrical industry in all its branches has always been willing to give its time, talent and services in behalf of worthy causes, and, if

ever there was a worthy cause, we have felt this to be one. And in turning this money over to you, we know it will be administered wisely and will aid in preventing suffering and hardships in the many families who are deserving of assistance."

Accompanying Branton at the presentation were the following members of his committee: Victor Morris, R. A. Somerby, J. J. McGuinness, Morris Wolf, George A. Giles, John H. Devlin, Stanley Sumner and Harry McDonald.

TRANSCRIPT Santason Greeted

by Mayor Curley

Arriving from the North Pole to spend the coming month at the toy department of Jordan Marsh Company, Santason was landed in his Bellanca monoplane at the Charles River Basin yesterday morning and escorted to the store in a parade more than two miles long. Thousands of children were among the crowd, estimated at 300,000, which watched the procession, and Mayor Curley and many State officials were on hand to greet Santason.

Unofficially heading the parade was Superintendent of Police Michael Crowley in his private automobile.

Then came a detail of mounted police and then the chief marshal of the parade, Captain Burnelle G. Hawkins, store manager of Jordan Marsh Company, leading the way on a prancing charger, accompanied by aides.

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On the reviewing stand at the State House were State officials, invited guests and officials of Jordan Marsh Company. Standing in the front row was State Treasurer Charles F. Hurley, with military aides, Major Edward G. Sampson and Captain V. P. Coyne. On the reviewing stand as well were Adjutant-General John H. Agnew, Executive Vice President Edward Mitten of Jordan Marsh Company, Director Harry F. Twomey, Vice President Thomas Lockney, Employment Director Harold Miller, Sales Promotion Director David Carpenter and Willard H. Campbell, advertising manager; Cameron A. Thompson, general merchandise manager, and James Fairclough, merchandise manager. Having much to do with the direction of the parade were William C. French, basement sales promotion manager, and Captain William Parr of the men's clothing department. Thomas Brown, display manager, designed the floats.

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PUBLIX HONORS MAYOR CURLEY



Howard L. Shonting, service manager of the Paramount-Publix theatres locally, shown pinning badge of honorary membership on Mayor Curley, after the Paramount Publix Theatres Service Club had heard him speak at their distribution of turkey dinners in front of the new Paramount Theatre, Washington street. District Manager Edward A. Zorn, left, and Division Manager C. Ralph Branton is next to the Mayor.

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GENERAL D. PRESSION DEAD, CURLEY DECLARES

Wires Governors and Mayors of "Funeral" at Stadium, 7000 Families Made Happy

Through arrangements with Supt C. A. Crane of the Western Union, Mayor Curley this morning will send the following telegram to the Governor of every State in the country and the Mayor of every leading city:

"This afternoon in the Harvard Stadium, in the presence of 57,000 people who had gathered to witness the annual football game between Holy Cross and Boston College, funeral services were held over the remains of General D. Pression. The college bands played 'Happy

Days Are Here Again,' and there was a smile on the face of everybody, as they all knew that a large percentage of the proceeds of the game were to be turned over to the relief work of the Welfare Department of the city of Boston. "Seven thousand families in Boston, on the list of the department, received \$5 each to pay for a Thanksgiving dinner today. So far as New England and Boston are concerned, General D. Pression is officially dead. I hope that the entire country will soon be rid of his unwelcome presence."

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FEEDING OF POOR MARKS BOSTON'S HOLIDAY EVENTS

Thousands Given Feasts As Nation Observes Thanksgiving

300,000 CHILDREN SEE SANTASON'S ARRIVAL

Special Services Are Held—Weather Ideal for Football Games

Generosity toward the victims of economic depression marked the 310th anniversary of Thanksgiving day in the United States and its possessions yesterday, and in Boston hardly a citizen failed to enjoy the spirit of the great American festival.

Crisp and clear November weather arrived on the heels of an unusual period of warmth, providing the perfect traditional setting for football games, family reunions and church services associated with the day.

Clergymen of many faiths and creeds, speaking from pulpits and over the radio, emphasized the necessity and benefits of gratitude, pointing to the courage and faith of the Pilgrim founders of the feast.

Throughout New England families were reunited for the holiday. By automobile, plane, boat and train New Englanders from many sections of the country returned to spend the day at home.

SANTASON ARRIVES

The arrival of Santason from Nome, Alaska, at Embankment road by airplane was witnessed by 300,000 children, one of the largest juvenile crowds ever gathered in the city. Mayor Curley officially welcomed the harbinger of Christmas, who from now until Christmas day will establish his headquarters as son and representative of Santa Claus in the second floor of the Jordan Marsh Company store.

A shout went up from the children gathered on the banks of the Charles when a speedboat met Santason at the Bellanca plane in which he arrived, and Francis Curley, youngest son of the mayor, greeted the visitor.

Boston's New Librarian

MAYOR CURLEY has approved the appointment of a new director of the Boston Public Library.

Milton E. Lord, who succeeds the late Charles F. D. Belden, is a native of Lynn, graduate of Harvard, veteran of the world war and a librarian of exceptional experience. For a time he was engaged in reorganizing the library of the American Academy at Rome and recataloguing the Vatican library. He has had training at the Harvard library, the Sorbonne and the Ecole des Sciences Politiques at Paris. In addition he has headed libraries at state universities, more recently in Iowa. Yale sought his services, but Boston attracted him more.

Mr. Lord brings not only extraordinary experience to Boston's library, but youth as well. He is only 33 years old and it is encouraging to see Boston so recognize younger men. On its practical side, the appointment promises many years of excellent service by a scholarly and practical man. Sentimentally, it is encouraging to other relatively young men to have the board of trustees of one of the world's greatest libraries choose a library director from the ranks of youth. But it is not surprising that the library board of trustees chose so excellently. It is a particularly intelligent group.

PARKING RULE CHANGE WAITS ON SILVERMAN

His Expected Opinion Withheld at Traffic Board Meeting

The traffic commission met today to receive an opinion from Corporation Counsel Silverman as to the form and legality of the proposed amendment to the parking regulations providing for alternate parking for 12-hour periods on all but 18 streets during the Christmas shopping.

OPINION LACKING

The opinion was not forthcoming and the commission voted to adjourn until such time as it is received.

The plan cannot go into effect, it has been argued, until a public hearing is given and until the changes are advertised for two successive weeks in the City Record.

The retail trade board of the chamber of commerce is opposed to the plan and wishes to be heard. There is a hint of possible court action as to the legality of the amendment.

Daniel Bloomfield of the retail trade board is satisfied that the commission will not act hastily, but he has declared that the board will not stand for any "railroading."

Corporation Counsel Silverman was expected to render an opinion as to how soon the commission might hold a hearing as well as on the legality of the whole matter.

Mayor Curley suggested the alternate parking plan in order to bring business to the city for the holiday season and the commission took kindly to the plan, going so far as to announce that alternate parking would be allowed on all but 18 streets, which were designated

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CURLEY STILL HOPES TO GET B. C. GAME CASH

Still hopeful that enough can be salvaged from the game to provide some funds for the jobless, Mayor James M. Curley yesterday called Bob Quinn, owner of Fenway Park, and officials of Boston College and Holy Cross to a conference at City Hall.

The mayor proposed to Quinn, who was guaranteed \$15,000 for removal of the game from Fenway Park to the Stadium, that he accept \$7500. Officials of the colleges were asked to accept less than the \$30,000 guaranteed to each. Total receipts of the game were but \$75,000, just equal to the guarantees, and \$21,000 sort of other expenses, including policing, fire prevention and field and advertising expenses.

The Red Sox owner asked for time to consider the proposal, while it was indicated that the colleges may pare their demands.

'DEFICIT' IS \$21,000 IN HOLY CROSS TILT

Curley Moves to Turn 'Paper Loss' Into Cash for Needy

Mayor Curley interested himself yesterday in converting a paper deficit of \$21,000 in the financial returns of the Boston College-Holy Cross game into an actual cash addition to the public welfare department fund for the unemployed.

He hopes to accomplish this by influencing the director of athletics at both colleges and Bob Quinn, president of the Red Sox, to accept considerably less than had been agreed on when the mayor undertook the promotion of the game as an aid to the colleges as well as to the welfare department fund.

The actual sale of tickets, according to an unofficial report to the mayor by the Harvard A. A. yesterday, did not exceed 25,000, and represented receipts of approximately \$75,000. Ticket sales at Boston College, at City Hall and at Boston department stores accounted for the disposal of all but a few thousand of the total sale of 25,000.

Mayor Curley was optimistic yesterday that Mr. Quinn would not insist on receiving \$15,000 in lieu of the rental that would have accrued from the use of Fenway park.

GLOBE 11/28/31 MAYOR HOPES TO SALVAGE FUNDS

Benefit Football Game \$15,000 Short

Receipts of the Holy Cross-Boston College game on Thanksgiving Day fell short about \$15,000 of the original agreements and failed to earn a dollar for the unemployment fund of the City of Boston, but Mayor Curley yesterday expressed the hope enough can be salvaged from the returns to provide some funds for the jobless.

Under the arrangement by which the game was played it is understood the two colleges were to receive \$80,000, \$15,000 to "Bob" Quinn for the contract to play at Fenway Park, which was canceled and the game taken to the Stadium; \$3000 for manning the Stadium, and the balance of about \$18,000 for ticket printing, advertising, other printing, etc.

Officials of the Harvard Athletic Association, managers of the Stadium, informed Mayor Curley that approximately 25,000 tickets were sold for the game. That total represents \$75,000 in cash, leaving a matter of \$15,000 short of the original agreements.

Mayor Curley communicated with "Bob" Quinn regarding his contract calling for \$15,000 from the receipts and asked Mr. Quinn, in view of the situation to cut his contract price in two. Had the game been played at Fenway Park he would have received \$15,000. Mr. Quinn, it is understood, has taken the 50 percent suggestion under consideration.

Take Up Mayor's Parking Plan Again Monday

Traffic Commission, with Corporation Counsel's Opinion in Hand, Ready for Action

Another meeting of the Traffic Commission will be held on Monday to take action on Mayor Curley's proposal for twelve-hour alternate parking in downtown streets, trial of which he insists upon despite the protests of the Retail Trade Board. Meantime, the members of the commission presumably will devote more or less of their time to analysis of Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman's opinion and advice in the matter of the legality of amendments to the traffic rules which will be required to effect the desired change and render the results "holeproof." Mr. Silverman's opinion, outlining changes which he proposes in place of some proposed by the commission in its request for his opinion, was available to all members of the board today, through distributions of copies by Chairman Joseph A. Conry.

Mr. Silverman's opinion points out that the proposed changes cannot be made effective until they have been published for two successive weeks in the City Record. This would appear to preclude any possibility of the parking change being made by Dec. 7, the possible effective date intimated by Mayor Curley.

At Monday's meeting, also, it is expected that a rule will be adopted by the commission that will place upon owners of automobiles the burden of responsibility for illegal parking. Chairman Conry today received Corporation Counsel Silverman's formal opinion on this problem, together with a draft of the proposed rule in legal form. Mr. Conry preferred not to make this public immediately, however.

Chairman Conry made public Mr. Silverman's communication on the twelve-hour alternate parking proposal, as follows:

"You have asked me to pass upon the form and legality of certain amendments to the rules and regulations of your commission.

"I have examined the proposed changes and in place thereof recommend the adoption of the enclosed changes which, in my opinion, are in proper legal form.

"With reference to the legality of these proposed changes I advise the commission that in my opinion if these changes are made in the rules and regulations of your commission they will be in conformity with law. These changes prohibit parking of vehicles in certain streets of the city for a certain period of time and this prohibition is applicable only to one side of the streets. The principal changes are the abolition of the one-hour rule in certain streets of the city and the abolition of other special parking regulations. Chapter 263 of the Acts of 1929 gives your commission the authority to adopt rules and regulations seeking to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the streets of Boston. These proposed changes cannot be made effective until they have been published for two successive weeks in the City Record.

I further direct your commission's attention to the fact that if a petition of twenty-five registered voters of the city is filed, relative to any rule or regulation adopted, or proposed to be adopted by your commission, you are required to hold a public hearing upon such a petition within thirty days after the filing of said petition with your commission, and any final action taken by your commission is required to be by vote of the majority of the entire membership of your commission. This public hearing may be granted at any time within the thirty-day period."

The proposals of Corporation Counsel Silverman are as follows:

"That Part III of Section 17 be amended by striking out the following: (list here streets not exempt).

"That Part IV of Section 17 be amended by adding thereto the following streets: (insert streets to be added).

"That Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, Parts II and V of Section 22 and Part II of Section 38, be and hereby are repealed.

"That the rules and regulations of the Traffic Commission be further amended by striking out the following: (Night Parking Downtown), (Special Parking Regulations, South street, etc.), (Special Parking Regulations, Atlantic avenue and South Station), (Special Parking Regulations, Causeway street)."

Alternate parking is a matter close to the heart of Mayor Curley, despite the protest of merchants and he intimated last night from New York that the new plan will be put in effect about Dec. 7. Earlier in the day, while the Traffic Commission was in session, the mayor had declared to newspapermen that he did not claim that the new plan would solve the traffic ills. All he wanted was a trial, and certainly the business interests should not object to it.

"The alternate rule would mean street widenings without the expenditure of a single dollar, because it would open up to traffic an extra lane on almost every street where cars are now parked on both sides, for as soon as one car now pulls out after an hour, another one pulls in immediately," the mayor said.

"With parking barred on one side of each street, a motorcycle officer or auto patrol could easily pick off the violator sticking out like sore thumbs on the wrong side of the street. On the street where alternate parking has been enforced for the past few months, it has worked like a charm, according to the traffic commissioner, so we should at least give it a fair trial before condemning it, particularly in view of the fact that court decisions have revealed that the present parking rule is unenforceable."

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT FUND

There is some confusion in people's minds as to the exact destination of the money now being raised at various "benefits" for Boston's unemployed. Just where does the \$21,000 obtained by the motion picture theatres at their recent midnight shows go? How would the money which the Boston College-Holy Cross game might have attracted be used? The fund, which has also been increased by contributions from various groups of municipal employees, has been rather indefinitely labelled as "the mayor's unemployment fund," "the city's relief fund," and so on. Naturally, when people give money, they like to know how it will be distributed.

Such contributions have been in the past, and presumably will be in the future, turned over to the overseers of public welfare. Under their direction, the money forms a special fund which is kept apart from their usual income from the city and is distributed to needy individuals, some of whom, because of legal technicalities, they would not otherwise be able to assist. All applications for such aid, however, are subject to the department's established system of investigation and supervision. Of course, all "overhead" expenses are borne by the city. This disposition of voluntary contributions to Boston's needy seems a sensible and economical arrangement.

But perhaps efforts to increase this fund would be more successful if its utilization were more clearly explained. Its sponsorship by a non-partisan committee of well-known citizens might help. Fortunately most of the overseers' obligations can be met through the ordinary channels of taxation—they will need about \$750,000 this year—but no opportunity to gain voluntary support should be overlooked.

NEW TRAFFIC RULES EFFECTIVE DEC. 7, CURLEY ANNOUNCES

Mayor Flatly Declares Changes Will Be Made in Any Event

NEW PARKING SIGNS ARE BEING PREPARED

Silverman Rules Alternate System Is Legal in Every Respect

Changes in the traffic regulations of Boston permitting alternate parking in downtown streets will go into effect about Dec. 7. Mayor Curley said last night in a telephone conversation from New York.

Despite strong opposition from the retail trade board of the chamber of commerce, which sent a petition to the Boston traffic commission requesting a hearing on the changes before they went into effect, Mayor Curley flatly declared that the changes definitely will go into effect.

NEW SIGNS PREPARED

"It will take about eight days to paint new street parking signs and perfect arrangements for the changes in the regulations," said the mayor, "then they will go into effect about Dec. 7.

Asked whether the possibility that the retail trade board might go to the courts seeking an injunction restraining the traffic commission from promulgating the new changes in regulations had been considered by him in his decision, Mayor Curley replied: "That would not change my position. We have no other course. The ruling by the courts the other day that the owner of the automobile must be tagged means chaos in Boston. It would take 20,000 police and probably more to enforce such laws. I am for some form of sane regulation that will relieve the police for the detection of crooks. Getting such regulations is what we are trying to do. We are trying to get some definite order out of chaos. And that we are going to do—or at least try to do."

Earlier in the day, in his office at City Hall, Mayor Curley reiterated his

belief that the alternate parking plans should at least be given a trial. He emphasized that "chaos actually exists in Boston," and some enforceable parking plan must be devised. While the plan he favors may not be the panacea for all parking ills, he "entertains a very strong conviction that it will be a success."

He said that Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry had informed him that "the alternating plan has been quietly tried on a few streets and has worked like a charm."

When asked about this, Commissioner Conry explained that a considerable number of streets had alternating parking placed in effect on them on Sept. 30, last year, and that there had been no complaints. He stressed that these were the streets that the mayor must have had in mind, and that the plan had not been quietly tested on downtown streets during the controversy between the traffic commission, the mayor and the retail trade board.

The traffic commission met yesterday morning to receive a ruling from Samuel Silverman, corporation counsel, as to the legality of 12-hour alternate parking. Mr. Silverman informed Chairman Conry that he could give an informal opinion that the proposed change is legal in every respect but could not submit a written opinion until later in the day. The commission was then ready to go ahead and vote the new rule into effect, but Police Commissioner Hultman blocked this action by insisting that Silverman's ruling be formally submitted in writing.

The written opinion was not received until 5 P. M., too late for action by the commission yesterday. The main feature of the ruling was its answer to a point raised by the retail trade board that 12-hour parking permitted outside a business establishment would be illegal because it would deny the owner access to his place of business. Mr. Silverman held that the traffic commission does not "allow parking but rather prohibits parking on one side of a street under the alternate system and that the objection has no legal foundation. He also pointed out that an abuttor may always appeal from the commission to the courts.

Present at the meeting were Traffic Commissioner Conry, Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman, Park Commissioner William P. Long, John J. O'Callaghan, representing Commissioner Thomas J. Hurley, and Christopher Carven, representing Commissioner Joseph A. Rourke.

Unable to act without the opinion, the members decided in the brief session to withhold action until all had examined the opinion. Commissioner Conry said that he will not call a meeting for today and the earliest opportunity for calling a special meeting will be on Monday. The regular meeting comes on Thursday.

Published reports that Commissioners Conry and Hultman "very nearly

came to blows" were denied by Commissioner Hultman, who said: "Not a bit of truth in it, there's nothing to it." Commissioner Long said that the meeting was "one of the most pleasant in some time, not a single unpleasant work was spoken."

Commissioner Hultman recently asked Counsel Silverman for an opinion on whether the police can place responsibility on the owner of the vehicle found to be parked in violation of regulations, but this opinion is not ready as yet. Silverman hurried his opinions yesterday to accommodate Commissioner Conry, who hastened to his office with Traffic Engineer John Hurley for a conference after the traffic commission meeting.

MAY GIVE HEARING

Whether the trade board has been definitely informed that a hearing will be granted could not be learned last night. The manager, Daniel Bloomfield, has gone to New York, where his mother is ill. Park Commissioner Long, an associate commissioner of the traffic commission, said that hearings had never been denied objectors of traffic regulations and undoubtedly this policy would be continued in this case.

It is evident, however, that Mayor Curley when he returns from New York city will insist on the greatest speed in passing the plan and that the hearing asked for by the opponents will be held between the time of passage and the date it goes into effect.

The objection of Commissioner Hultman to the placing of police officers in downtown streets to direct prospective parkers where to place their cars in defiance of existing signs also prevented the regulations going into effect at once. He did not approve of this move, decided on in the interests of economy, and it was decided by the mayor to have signs painted and placed in the downtown sector as soon as possible.

Mayor Curley in his statement yesterday made no mention of the requirement that any change must be advertised in the City Record for two successive weeks. The law is clear that this is the requirement unless the commission should declare an emergency exists making necessary immediate operation of the change. There has been no suggestion to date that the commission would go this far and opponents maintain that any attempt to do so could be successfully attacked in the courts on the ground that no condition exists today in Boston which could be called an emergency for the purpose of making the drastic change.

The requirement as to the two weeks' advertising does not mean that two weeks must elapse. This procedure takes only one week, actually, Mr. Silverman has informed the traffic commission as if the advertisement appears in two successive issues, one week apart, the law has been followed.

It is probable that if the mayor and traffic commission succeed in their plans that the new rule will be gradually applied beginning with the downtown streets so as to avoid the confusion which some city officials admit would result if applied all at once on all except the few streets omitted. The making of new signs will keep pace with its extension.

While the retail trade board has made a demand on the traffic commission for a public hearing, its formal petition has not yet been received. Chairman Conry said yesterday. The petition may be filed either after a change has been made or after one has been proposed. While there were reports yesterday that a hearing would be denied, city officials pointed out that the law makes a hearing mandatory and said that there is no question about the right of the board to be heard in opposition. The trade board, meantime, is preparing to ask the courts to enjoin the commission from enforcing the new rule if its petition is rejected.

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Business Men Will Carry on Fight to Prevent Any "Railroading"

Mayor Pleads for Fair Trial of 12-Hour Proposal---Says Chaos Now Exists

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, last night, placed his stamp of approval on the legality of the proposed 12-hour alternate parking plan which has caused a storm of protest by business men and the retail trade board of the Chamber of Commerce.

As a result of the decision, members of the Traffic Commission will meet in a special session early next week to place the rule in effect during the Christmas rush period. This action will be taken, it was learned, despite the demand for a public hearing by Daniel Bloomfield, manager of the retail trade board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce. The petition was signed by 25 registered voters.

It was claimed at the traffic commission yesterday that the petition for a public hearing in the matter did not block the commission from placing the rule in effect if it so desired. The hearing, it was stated, could be held within 30 days after the request was made but that the rule could go into effect immediately.

Details of the ruling by Silverman were withheld last night by Chairman Conry until members of the commission shall have received copies of the opinion. It is expected that the opinion will be made public today.

Bloomfield, who is leading the fight against the 12-hour parking plan, stated that he was sure the traffic commission would not act hastily in the matter but that his board would not stand for any "railroading" through of the rule.

Mayor Asks Fair Trial

It was not learned last night whether the opinion of Silverman also dealt with the request by the commission for an opinion regarding the legality of a rule holding owners of automobiles prima facie responsible for parking violations.

This rule, if approved, would place upon an owner the burden of proof that he was not driving his car when a violation occurred.

Fair trial of the alternate parking system in an effort to solve the traffic problem was advocated by Mayor

Curley, in commenting on the sharp criticism cast upon the proposed 12-hour rule. The Mayor indicated the plan may go into effect about Dec. 7.

Chaos Exists Now

"Chaos exists now and we should give this common sense proposal a fair trial before condemning it," insisted the Mayor. "As the result of recent court decisions, our present traffic regulations regarding overtime parking are unenforceable without the tremendous expense of adding 2500 policemen to the city payroll, not to prevent crime and protect public safety, but merely to play nurse to parked automobiles.

"The alternate parking rule would relieve a large number of policemen of their present tagging assignments and permit them to engage in the duty of crime detection and prevention.

Means Wider Travel Lanes

"The alternate rule would mean street widenings without the expenditure of a single dollar, because it would open up to traffic an extra lane on almost every street where cars are now parked on both sides, for as soon as one car now pulls out after an hour, another one pulls in immediately.

"With parking barred on one side of each street, a motorcycle officer or auto patrol could easily pick off the violators sticking out like sore thumbs on the wrong side of the street. On the streets where alternate parking has been enforced for the past few months, it has worked like a charm, according to the traffic commissioner, so we should at least give it a fair trial before condemning it, particularly in view of the fact that court decisions have revealed that the present parking rule is unenforceable."

RECORD 11/28/31 Near Blows as Hultman, Conry Clash

With Corporation Counsel Silverman approving the newly devised alternate parking plan of Mayor Curley as legal, the plan will be put into effect as

soon as signs can be made and the legal formality of advertising is complied with.

Christmas shoppers will experience the new plan, which is scheduled to go into effect Dec. 12, in a city-wide trial of the scheme.

This was decided upon at a fiery traffic commission meeting yesterday during which Police Commissioner Hultman and Traffic Commissioner Joseph Conry nearly came to blows after mutual recriminations and verbal abuse which at times became decidedly personal.



Commissioner Hultman

The flareup between the commissioners followed months of public controversy. It was precipitated when Commissioner Hultman, who is also a member of the traffic board, demanded revisions and modifications of the plan voted by the board. His demands were overruled.

NO PUBLIC HEARING.

The board at its meeting also decided that it would grant no public hearing on the matter of an alternate 12-hour parking. Such a hearing was demanded by the retail board of the Chamber of

Commerce, which strenuously opposes the new scheme.

According to Silverman's ruling the new rules will "prohibit" parking on one side of streets between 1 p. m. and 1 a. m. and prohibit parking on the other side of the street between 1 a. m. and 1 p. m. The Chamber of Commerce had protested that the traffic board had no right to permit parking in the streets.

CLAIMS PLAN A SUCCESS.

As the new regulations must be advertised twice in the City Record, which is published each week, December 12 is the first day that the system can operate.

While Commissioner Hultman objected to certain clauses and insisted on other modifications of the plan, he has recorded himself in favor of the alternate parking plan.

Mayor Curley commenting on the plan and the storm of protest raised by merchants who seek to delay its operation at least until after Christmas, declared yesterday that the plan, already tried out in some streets has proven successful, urged the city-wide tryout of the plan.

"I do not know that the alternate parking rule will be the ideal solution of the problem," he said, "but I believe it should be tried before being condemned. Present conditions must be remedied and there is a possibility that alternate parking is the remedy."

MAKES OWNERS RESPONSIBLE

New Parking Rule Likely to Be Adopted Monday

The responsibility for illegal parking is placed on the car owner in a rule drafted in an opinion given by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman relative to the "watchful waiting" phase of the parking situation, it was learned at Police Headquarters today.

It is understood that the rule in question is the one that Police Commissioner Hultman recently requested, after the courts had made a decision that the police must prove who parked the car in prosecuting complaints of illegal parking. It is believed that the rule, which will facilitate the work of the policemen tagging cars for parking violations, will be adopted next Monday at the meeting of the Boston Traffic Commission.

Opinion of Counsel

Commissioner Conry released a statement today saying that the commission would meet on Monday, to take action upon the matter of alternate parking, as recommended by Mayor Curley. He said that the opinion of the corporation counsel had been distributed to the associate members, who no doubt will give it a thorough analysis over Sunday.

In his opinion the corporation counsel says that the proposed changes cannot become effective until they have been published in the City Record for two successive weeks. That would mean apparently that the rules could not go into effect until Dec 12 at the earliest, as the City Record is printed on Saturday.

The letter containing the opinion, sent to Commissioner Conry by the corporation counsel, is as follows:

"You have asked me to pass upon the form and legality of certain amendments to the rules and regulations of your commission.

"I have examined these proposed changes and in place thereof recommend the adoption of the enclosed changes, which, in my opinion, are in proper legal form.

"With reference to the legality of these proposed changes, I advise your commission that, in my opinion, if these changes are made in the rules and regulations of your commission they will be in conformity with law. These changes prohibit parking of vehicles in certain streets of the city for a certain period of time, and this prohibition is applicable only to one side of the street. The principal changes are the abolition of the one-hour rule in certain streets of the city and the abolition of other special parking regulations.

Required to Hold Hearing

"Chapter 26A of the Acts of 1929 gives your commission the authority to adopt rules and regulations seeking to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the streets of Boston. These proposed changes cannot be made effective until they have been published for two successive weeks in the city record.

"I further direct your commission's attention to the fact that if a petition of 25 registered voters of the city is filed, relative to any rule or regulation adopted or proposed to be

adopted by your commission, that you are required to hold a public hearing upon said petition within 35 days after the filing of said petition with your commission and any final action taken by your commission is required to be by a vote of the majority of the entire membership of your commission. This public hearing may be granted at any time within this 35-day period.

The amendments referred to are as follows: That the rule stating that no operator shall stop, stand or park any vehicle with passenger registration for more than five minutes continuously for the loading or unloading of passengers, nor any vehicle of commercial registration for more than 20 minutes for the loading or unloading of materials, be stricken from the regulations, except that it shall be in force on such streets as the commission exempts from alternate parking.

The rule allowing five minutes for passenger cars and 20 minutes for trucks on the side of an alternate parking street, on which parking is prohibited at the time on one side, be amended by adding the entire list of streets on which alternate parking will be in force.

The section limiting parking time; the one prohibiting all-night parking; the one allowing unrestricted parking in specified places and the one relating to live parking are repealed, as well as those providing for angle parking and the one prohibiting parking on the left-hand side of one-way streets.

The following is also stricken out in the proposed rules: Night parking downtown; special parking regulations, South st, etc; special parking regulations, Atlantic av, at South Station; special parking regulations, Causeway st.

12-HOUR PARKING VOTE NEXT WEEK

Corporation Counsel Said to Call Plan Legal

Opposition of Business Men Fails to Block Move

Traffic Commission Head Gives Statement

Backed by an opinion of Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, in which it is believed his stamp of approval is placed on the legality of the so-called 12-hour alternate parking plan, the Boston Traffic Commission will meet early next week and vote to put into effect the new plan despite the protest by business men and the Retail Trade Board of the Chamber of Commerce, it was learned on good authority last night.

It is understood that the rules will be tried during the Christmas shopping rush period and, if they work well, will be made permanent. If otherwise, they will be discarded, it was learned.

This action will be taken despite the organized protest of business men and the demand for a public hearing by Daniel Bloomfield, manager of the Retail Trade Board, who presented a petition signed by 25 registered voters.

Won't Delay New Rules

Claim was made at the Traffic Commission that the signed petition for a public hearing would not delay the trial of the new rules. It was stated that the traffic commissioners could order a hearing within 30 days after the request but they were not obliged to hold up the promulgation of new traffic rules meanwhile.

The traffic commission met yesterday at its rooms at Police Headquarters, Berkeley st, but no action was taken because the opinion of the corporation counsel had not been received at that time. The legal opinion arrived late in the afternoon and was not made public because Chairman Joseph A. Conry decided to acquaint the members with its contents first. He declared he had no knowledge of the plans of the commission but he did release the following statement:

Conry's Statement

"The Traffic Commissioner received from the corporation counsel at 5 p m a letter giving his opinion in regard to the various amendments submitted by the chairman of the Traffic Commission, with respect to the matter of alternate parking, which has been under consideration during this week.

"At the meeting of the Traffic Commission this morning it was voted that, upon receipt of the opinion, the chairman would forward a copy of the opinion to the members of the commission. Out of courtesy to the members of the commission the chairman will await until the members have received the opinion before giving it the press.

"The substance of the opinion is that the corporation counsel gives it as his opinion that the adoption of the amendments in the forms in which he recommends will establish the rules and regulations in conformity with law."

It could not be learned last night what forms he recommended and in what way they varied from the original amendments submitted by Mr Conry, but it is expected that the entire opinion will be made public today.

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THEATRES' \$21,092 CHECK TO AID IDLE GIVEN MAYOR

Contribution Represents Proceeds of Midnight Benefit
Shows in 66 Houses in Boston and Suburbs



PRESENTING CHECK TO MAYOR CURLEY

Seated, Left to Right—Victor Morris, G. Ralph Branton, Mayor Curley, Al Somersby. Standing, Left to Right—J. J. McGuinness, Morris Wolfe, John H. Devlin, Stanley Sumner, Harry McDonald.

The contribution of the motion picture and theatrical industry to Boston's unemployment fund, a check for \$21,092.55, was received yesterday by Mayor Curley from the hands of G. Ralph Branton, chairman of the Boston city committee of the motion picture industry, in the presence of other members of the committee.

The contribution represents the proceeds of the benefit midnight shows held in 66 theatres in Boston and its suburbs a week ago yesterday. In presenting the check, Mr. Branton said: "There has not been one item of expense and every penny spent in the purchase of a benefit ticket goes to unemployment.

"As you know, the theatrical industry, in all its branches, has always been willing to give its time, talent

and services in behalf of worthy causes, and if there ever was a worthy cause we have felt this to be one. And in turning this money over to you we know it will be administered wisely and will aid in preventing suffering and hardships in many families who are deserving of assistance."

Mr. Branton also expressed the thanks of the industry for the operators, stage hands, musicians, managers, independent theatre owners, various women's organizations that helped in the sale of tickets, newspapers and the ticket companies that gave tickets gratis. He also expressed thanks to the general public for cooperating in the project.

Other members of the committee present included J. J. McGuinness, secretary; R. A. Somersby, treasurer; Victor Morris, Harry McDonald, Morris Wolfe and Stanley Sumner.

PARKING CHANGE EFFECTIVE DEC. 7

Traffic Board Will Meet
Monday to Act on
Curley Plan

The traffic commission will meet Monday to take formal action on Mayor Curley's plan for alternate parking on all but a few streets during the Christmas shopping season.

A written opinion has been received from Corporation Counsel Silverman to the effect that the changes in the rules and regulations to allow alternate parking are legal. It is probable the commission will approve the plan and that it will go into effect on Dec. 7.

In addition, the commission has received a draft of a change in the rules by the corporation counsel, placing the responsibility for illegal parking on the owner of a car. Just how the new rule reads is not disclosed, but it is understood it will withstand any attack in court.

A recent ruling to the effect that the officer, who tags a car, must be able to identify the parker, has put the police to a great disadvantage. It is believed that, with the new rule, approved by the corporation counsel, the police will be able to go on with their anti-parking crusade.

The commission was prepared to take action on the alternate parking project yesterday but did not receive the Silverman opinion in season.

In the written opinion, the corporation counsel recommends the adoption of certain changes, which he declares to be legal. "These changes," he says, "prohibit parking of vehicles in certain streets of the city for a certain period of time, and this prohibition is applicable only to one side of the street. The principal changes are the abolition of the one-hour rule in certain streets of the city and the abolition of other special parking regulations. Chapter 263 of the acts of 1929 gives your commission the authority to adopt rules and regulations seeking to prohibit the parking of vehicles in the streets of Boston."

Mayor Curley, who is in New York, has given orders that the necessary signs be made and all other details arranged to set the machinery in motion for the new plan.

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POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

By JOHN D. MERRILL

Massachusetts Democrats who keep their eyes on the political situation are discussing possible events which may have a bearing on the national convention of the party next Spring. Mayor Curley is the only prominent Democrat in the State who has taken an unequivocal position in regard to the Presidential nomination; he has not wavered in his allegiance to Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York.

Other Massachusetts leaders await developments, but the common report is that Gov. Ely, United States Senators Walsh and Coolidge, and Frank J. Donahue, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, intend to work for an unpledged delegation from this State.

They plan, it is assumed, to use the familiar argument that an unpledged delegation should give Massachusetts a chance to do some dickering in the convention and possibly to bring about the nomination of a Massachusetts man for Vice President. Because of geographical arguments, such a nomination could not be made if Gov. Roosevelt were nominated for President; consequently it would seem that the movement for an unpledged delegation was in reality anti-Roosevelt.

Curley May Be Delegate

Mayor Curley and his friends would find it difficult and perhaps impossible to defeat in a State-wide fight, the combination of leaders mentioned above, but the chances are that under almost any circumstances some Roosevelt delegates will be elected from Massachusetts. For instance, Mayor Curley will probably be a candidate for delegate-at-large, and it seems likely that he will be one of the eight elected from this State; in other words, there are not eight Democrats in Massachusetts who are stronger than Mr. Curley in a party primary. It is predicted also that Roosevelt delegates will be chosen in some of the Congressional districts.

Thus the indications now are that Massachusetts will send a divided delegation to the coming national convention of the Democratic party. The only sure means of preventing that result would be the candidacy of Ex-Gov. Alfred E. Smith, who would have a unanimous delegation from this State. But in order to have delegates pledged to him on the ballot in the Massachusetts primary, he must let it be known early in April that he is a candidate for the Presidential nomination. If he refuses to do so, the opponents of Gov. Roosevelt will lose their greatest asset. Most of the party leaders in this section think that Ex-Gov. Smith will not be a candidate even if he is at present unfavorably disposed toward his successor in the Governorship.

12-HOUR PARKING LEGAL ON DEC 12

Owner Responsibility to
Be Effective Also

Traffic Board Gets Opinion of
Corporation Counsel

Twelve-hour alternate parking and owner-responsibility for traffic violations will become effective on or about Dec 12, it appeared last night, following announcement of Traffic Commissioner Conry that a special meeting of the traffic board would be held tomorrow to consider both matters.

The announcement of the special meeting came after the traffic head forwarded to members of his commission opinions of Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman that both 12-hour parking and owner-responsibility for automobiles illegally parked were legal.

In his opinions, the corporation counsel called attention to the law requiring publication of the commission votes for a period of two weeks in the City Record before they become effective. This means that neither rule will become effective until Dec 12 or later. The City Record is published Saturdays.

Opposition Fails

Yesterday's developments in the traffic situation indicated the

alternate parking plan would go into effect despite opposition of the Retail Trade Board of the Chamber of Commerce and other retail merchants in the business districts.

The law requires that if a petition, signed by 25 registered voters of the city of Boston, is filed asking a hearing in any proposed or adopted rule or regulation of the commission, such a hearing shall be granted within the 30-day period following the filing of the petition. The board, however, is not prevented from promulgating any rule against which such opposition is placed.

The Traffic Commission has not set a date for a hearing on the petition filed by the Retail Trade Board through its secretary, David A. Bloomfield. It was learned last night that the hearing will not be granted until near the end of the 30-day period, thus allowing nearly three weeks of actual operation of the alternate parking plan.

Mayor Wants Trial

Mayor Curley reiterated yesterday afternoon his desire that the plan be given a trial period in the belief that objections to it, as foreseen by the opposition, will be found unsubstantiated. He said that he did not claim it to be a "cure-all" for traffic ills, but it was his opinion that the plan would do more than any other yet proposed toward solving the traffic problem.

The Mayor pointed out that parking on one side of the street would furnish actual street-widening without the expenditure of a dime. He also said that the new rule would make easy the work of police in enforcing the law since any car parked on the wrong side of the street in violation of the rules would stick out like a sore thumb.

Making the owner of an automobile responsible for any traffic violation by his car, no matter who the driver is, will also ease the work of the police. Police found themselves powerless in court recently when a court decision stated that the actual driver of a car parked in violation of the rules must be determined by police.

Under the 12-hour alternate parking plan, which allows continuous parking one side of a street for a period of 12-hours, the regulations allowing five-minute parking for passenger cars and 20-minute parking for trucks will be enforced only on the other side where other parking is prohibited.

The five and 20 parking rule will also be allowed on streets where all other parking is prohibited.

SILVERMAN PUTS O.K. ON NEW ORDER

Tells Conry Mayor's 12-Hour
Alternate Plan Is in Full
Conformity to Law

30 DAYS TO MAKE PROTEST

Curley Says New System Will
Release More Police to
Catch Criminals

When the proposed 12-hour alternate parking plan becomes effective, probably on December 12, a new ruling placing direct responsibility for parking violations on the owner of an automobile will be adopted also by the Boston Traffic Commission, it was understood yesterday.

Corporation Counsel Silverman, it became known, is drafting a rule to antedate a Superior Court decision that an arresting officer must apprehend a traffic violator in the act of violation.

It was the effects of this decision by the higher court that drew from Mayor Curley the comment that 25,000 policemen would have to be added to the city payroll solely for the purpose of "playing nurse to parked cars."

The approval stamp of Corporation Counsel Silverman was placed yesterday on the substantial legality of the 12-hour alternate plan. In a letter to Joseph A. Conry, head of the traffic commission, he stated that he had examined the proposed changes and submitted a proper legal form for their adoption.

DECLARED LEGAL

"I advise your commission that, in my opinion, if these changes are made in the rules and regulations of your commission they will be in conformity with law. These changes prohibit parking of vehicles in certain streets of the city for a certain period of time, and this prohibition is applicable only to one side of the street," read the report.

"The principal changes are the abolition of the one-hour rule in certain streets of the city and the abolition of other special parking regulations. These proposed changes cannot be made effective

until they have been published for two successive weeks in the City Record."

In spite of a volume of protests by many business men and the retail board of the Chamber of Commerce, the legal ways seem greased for the adoption at the traffic commission meeting Monday of all Mayor Curley's recommendations for a solution of the traffic worry of Christmas tide.

RELIEVES POLICE

Before leaving for New York to attend the Army-Notre Dame game, Mayor Curley declared himself forcefully in his advocacy of the traffic changes, and in reply to the storm of protest which has arisen.

"Chaos exists now and we should give this common sense proposal a fair trial before condemning it," the mayor said. "The alternate parking rule, for one thing, would relieve a large number of policemen from their present tagging assignments and permit them to engage in the duty of crime detection and prevention."

"On the streets where alternate parking has been enforced for the past few months, it has worked like a charm."

In his communication to the traffic commissioner, Corporation Counsel Silverman covered the subject of a public hearing on the proposed changes. A demand for such a hearing has been made by Daniel Bloomfield, manager of the retail trade board of the Chamber of Commerce, who had filed a petition signed by 25 citizens with the commission.

AS TO PROTEST MEETING

Corporation Counsel Silverman's recommendation read:

"I direct your commission's attention to the fact that if a petition of 25 registered voters of the city is filed, relative to any rule or regulation adopted by your commission or proposed for adoption, that you are required to hold a public hearing upon said petition within thirty days after the filing of said petition and any final action taken by your commission is required to be by a vote of the majority of the entire membership. The public hearing may be granted at any time within this thirty-day period."

The fact that the stipulation reads that a public hearing may be held at any time within thirty days, it was pointed out, makes it possible for the commission to act on the protest in ample time to permit the adoption of the proposed changes before December 12 or December 14, when, it is believed, the new 12-hour alternate plan will be effective.

Traffic Commissioner Conry yesterday notified his associate members of the commission of a meeting Monday "to take action upon the matter of alternate parking as recommended by His Honor, Mayor Curley."

The recommendations of the corporation counsel were passed on to each member of the commission, who will, Commissioner Conry said, "give the opinion" a thorough analysis over Sunday.

Mayor Curley is Guest Speaker at Dinner

MAYOR CURLEY dropped in at the Filene Woman's Club "Circus Dinner Party," held Tuesday evening in the store restaurant, at the very height of the festivities.

The mayor was honor guest and after addressing the 1000 club members and guests assembled for this gala occasion, the city's chief executive "reviewed" the circus parade—thoroughly enjoyed the antics of the "side show freaks"—and remained for part of the fine entertainment presented by store employees.

In his talk the mayor congratulated the firm on promoting a true spirit of comradeship with the employees.

"It is a joy," he said, "to come into an establishment where the officials sit down and break bread with the people who are the lifeblood of the concern."

Stressing the unemployment situation the speaker urged his audience to do all possible towards assisting the relief committees handling this terrific problem. He said in part:

"There are more persons unemployed at the present time than in the last quarter of a century. The head of a concern decides to absorb competitors, and he reaches out and absorbs a half dozen or a dozen concerns in the same line. Then the efficiency man goes to work to reduce the running cost of the establishment and increase the revenue, regardless of how the results are obtained."

"We told of one nation-wide oil firm who employed a \$100,000-a-year efficiency expert to show them in eight months how a worthwhile annual saving could be effected."

"This was done," continued His Honor, by discharging men and women who had been employed by the concern for 20 years and were within a few years of the pension age."

THE STORE dining room was converted into a "big top" for the evening. Hundreds of gaily colored balloons were used in decorating and the walls were hung with circus posters. Miss Mabel Weissman, president of the club, attired in gorgeous span-gled costume with silver crown adorning her titian hair, led the gala parade.

All the circus attractions were represented, including the bearded lady, snake charmer, akela-ton man, fat lady, clowns and what not.

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Yuletide Proclamations



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON
November 25, 1931

What the Commonwealth has sought successfully to do every citizen can do in his own sphere and should do to the limit of his capacity. Hoarding will not bring relief. It is a deterrent to the return of prosperity. It is unsympathetic, unkindly, and unpatriotic. It can bring no self-satisfaction or contentment at a season of the year when our hearts should go out in sympathetic consideration of our fellow-men.

Therefore, let us be normal in this holiday season approaching Christmastide. Let us buy the things we need. Let us make gifts to those who expect them. Let us, by that means, supply enjoyment. The Christmas season will then be actually a season of happiness and a cause of general thanksgiving.



Sincerely yours,

Joseph P. Ely

GOVERNOR



JAMES M. CURLEY
Mayor

CITY OF BOSTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL

for the common good of all, the spindles will spin again, and wheels will turn, and the music of contentment will once again ring throughout the land. Shake off the shackles of fear. Open the heart and open the purse strings. The dollars you spend insure the retention by some one of a much needed job, and the extra dollars you will spend will mean the employment of others who are hoping and praying. Let them not hope in vain. The hum of prosperity will come through your efforts and my efforts and the efforts of us all working shoulder to shoulder together.

Let us during this Christmas season forget our greed and our malice, and let us turn to the ways of the Lord, and the only way that will bring us out of the darkness—love for our fellow men and charity in our hearts to all.



Respectfully,

James M. Curley

MAYOR.

'GEN. D. PRESSION'S' FUNERAL PLANNED

Program Tuesday Calls for Ride Through City Streets And Watery Grave

"Gen. D. Pression," the same Ishmael whose scarecrow figure, enclosed in a black casket, was trundled ignominiously about the Harvard stadium by "pall bearers" during the Holy Cross-Boston College football game on Thanksgiving, is now to be given burial, though not "decent."

Mayor Curley, who fostered the stunt at the football game in the hope of swelling the attendance and thus boosting the game's contribution to unemployment relief, is now sponsor of a plan to send the "General" to a watery grave in Boston harbor. The rites are due to take place at noon, Tuesday, when the "general," cowering in his coffin, will be taken for a ride in a city garbage truck through the downtown streets, and at the South ferry will be taken aboard a boat and conveyed to the middle of the inner harbor and there dumped overboard. The firemen's band is scheduled to head the "funeral cortege," and according to Frank B. Howland of the Mayor's office, who has been designated as the official mortician for the job, the procession will halt at city hall, en route to the ferry, long enough for application for a burial permit to be made to Mayor Curley and to be refused by his honor on the grounds that the "General," even as a corpse, is not fit to remain "on earth" and thus must be given the water cure. Ceremonies, including the tooting of whistles from harbor craft, the strewing of vegetables on the waters, and maybe some booing, will accompany the lowering of the casket. Thus, it is hoped, a good time will be had by all—except of course, the General, assuming he is not perverse enough to have just as good a time as the next fellow.

STRIKING PARAGRAPHS of the original Yuletide proclamations issued by Governor Ely and Mayor Curley through the Boston Sunday Advertiser.

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JUST how do you get rid of the pest who calls you on the telephone, gets your ear and begins unwinding an interminable monologue? It may be a friend with a long tale of woe to unfold. It may be a stock or bond salesman, or someone trying to interest you in insurance. You find yourself suddenly trapped in your home, or at your work. You hate to insult the caller, and yet there are important and pressing things you ought to be doing.

It is unfortunate that there are people who are inconsiderate and selfish enough to take advantage of you over the phone, and there ought to be a prescribed method of putting an end to the nuisance. A Globe reporter made a few inquiries around town last week to find out how people got rid of telephone bores. Teddy Glynn seemed to have the best solution.

Teddy monopolizes the wire himself when the bore first stops for breath. Teddy races along himself then with a funny story and a request to the caller to drop in on him sometime; then Teddy hangs up. It's an ideal way of getting rid of the bore if you can do it, but everybody hasn't Teddy's quick wit or facile tongue.

Signs Made to Help

Numerous devices have been used to give the hint to bores in personal conversation. You can see signs on the desks of busy business men, signs made like traffic signs with the well-known inscription "Don't Park Here" on them. A placard is published with a tabulation of the minutes allotted by business executives to various propositions, such as: "Insurance salesmen, one-half minute; bond salesmen, one-half minute; personal friends, two minutes; business friends, five minutes; customers bringing business, two

hours; customers extending credit, 10 minutes."

There is a story told of the way the head of the United Fruit Company in years gone by terminated interviews and stopped them from becoming boring. When an interview was ended, the head of the company handed the visitor a banana. Receiving a banana came to be a ritual ending an interview. When a visitor received one he departed.

This was a pretty and amusing gesture, but you can't pass out bananas over a telephone. The telephone bore is one of the world's foremost nuisances, and something ought to be done about it. Congress ought to pass a law, or there should be another amendment to the Constitution.

Few People Escape

There are a few people who are never bothered by telephone bores. They are the executives who are surrounded by a secretary or a corps of calls must filter.

For instance, you'd have a fine chance trying to get Gov. Ely's ear and buzzing him for any length of time about your troubles. His own father could not reach him on the telephone last week because Dewitt Clinton DeWolf, the Governor's secretary, told a Globe reporter that he knew the Governor could not be disturbed at the moment his father called.

Every telephone call to the Governor goes to one of the secretaries. If the person is unimportant, he is side-tracked and told to write a letter about it. If he is important, he gets as far as Dewitt DeWolf. If Dewitt can't handle it, the call might get as far as the Governor, and if it were as important as all that you can depend upon it there wouldn't be anything boring about it.

DeWolfe Lets Bores Talk

But what about Secretary DeWolfe? How does he get rid of the bores? He just lets them talk themselves out. The same thing is true of Mayor Curley as is true of Gov. Ely. You have to know the Mayor pretty well to be able to get him personally on the telephone. There's a staff of secretaries there, too, to look after the telephones. Connie Reardon is one of them. If it is important enough to go to the Mayor, Connie lets the telephone call go through, but not until he has asked the Mayor if he wants to talk to the fellow on the other end.

When they get Connie's ear, he always interrupts during the first breathing spell to say, "Listen, I'm very busy just now. Give me your number and I'll call you right back." Then Connie loses the number and forgets to call back.

William L. Anderson is another of the Mayor's secretaries through whom the nuisance calls are filtered for the Mayor. If it is something the Mayor is not interested in, Anderson listens patiently until the fellow on the other end has talked himself out, and then he announces that he will tell the Mayor all about it.

DEPRESSION TO BE CAST INTO HARBOR

Burial Procession Is to Mark Passing

General D. Pression is dead and as proof of it his remains are to be cast into Boston Harbor at noon next Tuesday.

Mayor Curley will be chief mourner and Frank Howland of the Mayor's office staff will be official undertaker.

The ceremony will start with a burial procession through the city. At its head will be the Boston Fireman's Band and immediately after the musical organization will come a truck of the sanitary disposal service of the city, in which will be a wooden coffin carrying General D. Pression.

When the procession reaches City Hall demand will be made that Mayor Curley issue a burial permit for the General. The Mayor will reply that General D. Pression is not fit to remain on earth and will refuse to grant the permit, and the procession will then pass to the South Ferry, where they will board a city vessel and go to the channel for the burial services. As the General sinks below the surface of the harbor, mourners will bid him farewell by tossing decayed vegetables after him.

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MARY CURLEY DIRECTS CHRISTMAS SEAL SALES

Miss Mary Curley, daughter of the mayor, is directing the sale of Christmas seals in the Boston Tuberculosis Association's seal sale booths. The seals will be sold at the following places beginning Monday:

Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Mrs. F. Blake Cloonen in charge; Hotel Statler, Mrs. Henry Friedman; Copley-Plaza Hotel, Mrs. Nathan Sidel; Hotel Brunswick, Mrs. J. M. Duncan; Hotel Bradford, M's Jean Savage; Parker House, Mrs. Alfred Guyon; Hotel Touraine, Mrs. Ninerva Arkus; Hotel Kenmore, Mrs. Thomas Tully; Wether's, Mrs. R. Taylor; Jay's, Mrs. Samuel Ellis; Raymond's, Miss Esta Shuman; Ray-Miss Edith Austin; Dutton's, Mrs. L. Hankinson; Stuart street postoffice, Mrs. Samuel Cubilevich (Jewish Anti-Tuberculosis Association); Little building postoffice, Miss Ida Fruttkoff; Astor street postoffice, Miss Grace Ballen-Nash; Roxbury postoffice, Mrs. Mary J. Crawley; Symphony hall, Mrs. Luther South station, Mrs. L. R. C. Doe; Back Bay station, Mrs. A. Landau.

'LET US BE NORMAL AT THIS TIME,' SAYS STATE EXECUTIVE

Mayor Sums Up Situation as "Cycle of Fear" That May Be Dispelled by Courage and Normal Spending

URGENT PLEAS for the loosening of purse strings by the rich, and by all who are employed, and increased buying during the Christmas season so that all who are employed may retain their jobs and that many new jobs may be created, are contained in Yuletide proclamations issued at the suggestion of the Boston Sunday Advertiser by Governor Ely and Mayor Curley.

Calling attention to the enormously increased buying power of the dollar for all commodities, Governor Ely urges the public to spend to the limit of its finances that material prosperity may truly bring the Christmas spirit of "Peace on Earth" to all. Let us be normal at this time in giving and buying, he asks.

Mayor Curley sums up the situation as a "cycle of fear" that may be dispelled by courage and normal spending.

"The dollars you spend insure the retention by some of a much needed job, and the extra dollars you will spend will mean the employment of others who are hoping and praying," he says.

Both the governor and the mayor call attention to the fact that capital and labor are dependent on each other, and the unemployed and the destitute are dependent on both, and that only by shoulder to shoulder pulling of all may happiness and prosperity reign at Christmas time.

Mayor Curley's Letter

CITY OF BOSTON
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL

November 25, 1931.

To the Editor of the
Boston Sunday Advertiser,
Winthrop Square,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The Christmas season is upon us again, and into our hearts is welling the stream that will pour forth an abundance of the cheerful and joyous spirit that brings "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will."

Let us pause for a moment in this joyous season, and with charity and love in our hearts turn to those who are less fortunate than ourselves that they too may realize that "God's in His Heaven and all's well with the world."

This is a glorious country. Never in the history of the world has civilization seen a nation so

powerful, so rich, and with resources so apparently unlimited. And yet, today we are passing through a period that is fraught with misery, sickness and suffering because men have lost faith in the future of our country and have lost confidence in its institutions. We are going through a cycle of fear, and those in our midst who are least prepared to face the rigors of a cold, bleak New England winter are faced with the specter of a barren cupboard and barren hopes.

These fears can be dispelled by a realization that the future of our country is safe, and a realization that we are each dependent upon the other. Those in their high places must stop in their mad scramble for riches and power. This is the season of the year when the centuries bring back to us all the humility, all the humbleness, and all the holiness of the little Child born in the manger at Bethlehem. He taught us to love our fellow man. He commanded us to love our neighbor as ourself for the love of God. If we remember this commandment of the King of Kings, the world will be a better place to live in.

This modern world is apt to flinch from us this divine principle of the Redeemer, and as a result we see stark naked poverty on the one hand and riches beyond the dreams of avarice on the other. We must all work together. The hand of the laboring man fashions the commodity that brings profit to the capitalist. They both need each other. If they work together for the common good of all, the spindles will spin again and the wheels will turn, and the music of contentment will once ring again throughout the land.

Shake off the shackles of fear. Open the heart and open the purse strings. The dollars you spend insure the retention by some of a much needed job, and the extra dollars you will spend will mean the employment of others who are hoping and praying. Let them not hope in vain. The hum of prosperity will come

through your efforts and my efforts and the efforts of all of us working shoulder to shoulder together.

Let us during this Christmas season forget our greed and our malice, and let us turn to the ways of the Lord, and the only way that will bring us out of the darkness—love for our fellow man and charity in our hearts to all.

Respectfully,
James M. Curley,
Mayor.

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No Vote Yet for 12-Hour Parking Rule

Board Admits Vast Detail Involved — Protests Come by Every Mail

Another day has passed with no formal vote by the Boston traffic commission in favor of the twelve-hour alternate parking rule, which Mayor Curley has insisted shall be put in operation as an experiment during the Christmas shopping season. Meanwhile, protests by the score are being received at the commission's headquarters, especially since the Retail Trade Board of the Chamber of Commerce branded the proposed amendment to the parking rules as "inadvised."

The traffic commission met at police headquarters this morning, discussed the situation for an hour or more and then adjourned. Immediately afterward, a statement was forthcoming to the effect that a vast amount of clerical work will be necessary before the amendment is in proper form. All streets affected must be listed, as well as any special regulations which now apply to such streets. The commission, headed by Chairman Joseph A. Conry, left its rooms for the mayor's office, there to listen to Councilor Laurence Curtis, 2d, appeal for the appropriation before the city council calling for \$125,000 to install traffic lights on Commonwealth avenue, the mayor having asked the council last week to rescind the order.

The commission admitted the receipt of protests against the proposed change. It has voted to grant a hearing to those opposed, but holds itself within the law if it sees fit to establish the new regulation prior to the hearing, as it may do so under the emergency clause.

An unofficial estimate today made it known that the proposed change in regulations will make it necessary to have 60,000 additional signs manufactured. There now are in the city about 10,000 such signs which represent an approximate cost of \$10 each. Only three sign painters are now at work making such signs and if there is need of hurry it probably will mean work for a great many more painters. The regulations are to go into effect immediately, north of Massachusetts avenue, it is said, and this will require 5000 additional signs.

TRAVELER 11/30/31

MAYOR DEMANDS 12-HR. PARKING AS 'EMERGENCY'

Declares Conditions War-
rant Change Effective
Next Monday

EXPECTS COMMISSION WILL PASS ORDER

Under 'Temporary' Ruling
Advertising Is Unneces-
sary, Curley Says

Mayor Curley last night expressed the belief that sufficient "emergency" exists to warrant putting into effect his 12-hour alternate parking plan Monday, without necessity of advertising the new regulation in the City Record.

As a result of the mayor's declaration, the traffic commission is expected this morning to declare an "emergency" and pass a temporary order which will allow the rules to take effect a week from today.

The new development in the controversy between the mayor and the retail trade board of the chamber of commerce came with startling suddenness last night, when it seemed as if the regulation would become effective on Dec. 14, after advertisement as provided for by law, and the public hearing demanded by the retail trade board held in the mean time.

TEMPORARY RULE

"I can see no reason why the commission should not act under its emergency and temporary powers authorizing it to pass temporary regulations for public convenience or safety without waiting to advertise them," said the mayor last night.

The mayor added that he favored such action by the commission. In view of the fact that the commission unanimously adopted the mayor's suggestion for such an alternate parking week, it is believed to be almost a certainty that the body will follow his wishes expressed last night.

Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman has already ruled that the commission may issue such a regulation if the members believe a traffic emergency exists.

Mr. Silverman made it clear that he was not going to make the decision as to whether there actually was an "emergency"; that was a question for the commission to decide.

Traffic Board Fails to Schedule Parking Date

Delays Action, Says Chairman Conry, Until It Is
Known When New Signs Will Be Ready—
New Tagging Rules Coming

No definite date for the start of the alternate parking plan was revealed by members of the traffic commission, following their meeting today.

MUST WAIT FOR SIGNS

In a 15-word statement on alternate parking and other subjects, Chairman Conry made known that the engineer of the commission has been instructed to hasten the work of placing signs on the streets where the plan is to be effective.

In the downtown section, it is estimated, between 5000 and 6000 signs will be needed. All over the city, it is figured, about 60,000 signs will be needed.

The mayor said he would rather have the new plan effective Dec. 7 during the greater portion of the Christmas shopping rush than to wait until Dec. 13 or 14 for the regulation to be advertised.

Chairman Joseph A. Conry of the traffic commission could not be reached last night, but it was expected that he would follow the mayor's instructions, either at today's session or within a few days.

RULE ON PROBLEM

If the commission waited to advertise the rules, the plan could not possibly become effective before Dec. 14 as the next two issues of the City Record will not be published until Dec. 4, and Dec. 12. Last Saturday's issue did not carry the advertisement, and Frank Cushman, editor of the document, said he had not yet received copy for the notice.

The statute under which the commission is given "temporary and emergency" powers is the following paragraph from section 12, chapter 263, laws of 1929, according to Mr. Silverman's findings:

"No such rule or regulation, except such rules and regulations as are declared by vote of the commission to be urgently required by considerations of public safety or convenience or such as are of a temporary nature and are to be effective for a period of not more than two weeks shall take effect until published for two successive weeks in The City Record."

At the meeting this forenoon the commission is expected to approve the 12-hour plan and changes in the regulations suggested by Mr. Silverman to make owners responsible for the way in which their cars are parked, thus putting "teeth" in the legal machinery for enforcing the new rule.

Commissioner Hultman last night refused to declare where he stood on the "emergency" proposal.

It will take time to turn out the signs and, until it is learned definitely when the signs are to be ready, the official date of the start of the plan will not be promulgated.

The cost of the signs will run heavy, if outside labor is employed or the contract let out. There is but a small staff of workmen available in the department to do such work. And there is a question as to where an additional appropriation will come from.

Mayor Curley has indicated he wishes the alternate parking to begin Dec. 7. It is possible that enough signs will have been made for the downtown area to put the plan into effect there by the date mentioned.

Chairman Conry, in his statement, let it be known that the traffic engineer has stated that 42 streets can be attended to right away.

An opinion was received from the corporation counsel in the matter of requiring the appearance in court of the owner of a tagged car, and the meeting voted to adopt a rule drafted by him. This will mean amending a number of the rules in reference to the matter. The chairman was authorized to prepare a list of the rules affected, and have Atty. Silverman draft the necessary amendments.

Following the regular session, the commission went to City Hall to confer with the mayor on traffic lights on Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue.

The statement given out by Chairman Conry is as follows:

"An opinion was received from Corporation Counsel Silverman in the matter of requiring the appearance in court of the owner of a car illegally parked. It was the sense of the meeting that the rule drafted by Mr. Silverman be adopted. The chairman was authorized to prepare a list of the rules which would be affected by the adoption of this amendment and submit the same to Mr. Silverman for a draft of the necessary amendments."

"The matter of alternate parking was considered at length and the engineer was requested to hasten the work of placing proper signs upon the streets in which the alternate parking was to be effective. The engineer reported all ready 42 streets which he believed could be attended to without delay."

"The commission adjourned to meet in the office of his honor the mayor to consider the matter of establishing traffic signal lights on Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue."

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BOSTON BANS HUNGER MARCH

Mayor and Police Agree to Meeting on Common, but No Parade

No contingent of "hunger marchers" will be allowed to march on to Washington from this city tomorrow, as part of the general descent on the capital, it was announced by Mayor Curley and Superintendent of Police Crowley.

Plans, as learned by the police, call for a motor truck cavalcade. Fifty trucks and four autos have been assigned to the Boston division and the march is scheduled to get under way after a meeting on the Common.

A permit has been issued for the meeting, but if more than 200 form in line for the march the police will step in and insist that a parade permit be shown. No such permit has been asked for.

"Let them holler their heads off," the superintendent said yesterday when asked if police would block the meeting on the mall tomorrow at which efforts will be made to obtain recruits for the motor "march," which has as its objective the presenting of pleas for the unemployed to President Hoover and the Congress the day before the latter convenes, Dec. 8.

"I don't see any reason why we should prevent the meeting," Mayor Curley said. "If the police department would give it a little less publicity, it wouldn't amount to much."

"We let the communists have the Parkman bandstand two weeks ago and there weren't 40 people there. If we'd refused them a permit and the police had tried to stop the meeting, a multitude would have been there."

GRANTS PERMIT

Mayor Curley personally granted the permit for tomorrow's meeting. He pointed out that when police made several arrests at a communist meeting last winter while he was in the South, thousands were present. He cited the meeting of two weeks ago in contrast.

Supt. Crowley urged that persons desiring to aid the unemployed be not misled into contributing funds for the communist unemployed council.

"It is very desirable that responsible and respectable people should not be misled into contributing funds to help this organization to stage this affair. They are not real unemployed. Our unemployed are pretty well taken care of here. This is an agitators' scheme and the more friction they encounter the more credit they will get for it—and perhaps the more money."

"Of course I don't know the source of their funds for these demonstrations, and of course they intend to raise all the money they can locally by appeals to sympathy, but there must be some good angel in the background somewhere," Crowley said.

W. H. Moran, chief of the secret service, said in Washington yesterday that the forces from Boston are being watched closely, because among the leaders are men prominent as agitators in the recent Lawrence strike. He said Boston and New Haven, are New England cities from which the hunger marchers are expected to start. The

\$215,000 ASKED FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Appropriation orders totalling \$215,000 for improvement of various playgrounds in the city were sent to the city council today by Mayor Curley.

The total is split as follows: Charlestown Heights, \$25,000; Dunbar avenue, \$40,000; Fallon Field, \$15,000; John J. Connelly, \$20,000; Rogers Park, \$15,000; McConnell Park, \$30,000; Park Hill, \$20,000, and a new playground in the Germantown section of West Roxbury, \$50,000.

Boston group plans to pick up added cohorts in Providence.

The communists listed by secret service agents as active in Boston in behalf of the parade have all been prominent in communist activities, and four of them have been arrested.

Mark Lieberman, 18, variously listed as of Millett street, Calder street and Browning avenue, Dorchester; Goldie Waldman, 20, of East Springfield street, South end, and Benjamin Sol, or Saul, of Walnut Park, Roxbury, were arrested during a red unemployment demonstration on Boston Common, Feb. 25, 1931, on which occasion a fight with the police followed when the latter broke up the meeting.

Benjamin Rogers, 27, of Washington street, Roxbury, Lieberman and Saul were arrested Aug. 1, 1931, during an anti-war demonstration by the communists on the Common. Rogers and Saul were fined \$10 each two days later for carrying placards.

Saul was the communist who was pulled out of a tree at the Feb. 25 meeting, when he attempted to make a speech from that vantage point. He was arrested on request of the immigration authorities, charged with being a member of a subversive organization.

The Aug. 1 meeting was a demonstration against war staged on orders from Third Internationale headquarters, Moscow, to be held on the 17th anniversary of the beginning of the world war.

HERALD 11/30/31 GARBAGE CONTRACT NEARLY \$4,000,000

Curley Favors Company's Ash Removal Figure

A contract for nearly \$4,000,000 for garbage and refuse material from five districts of the city over a 10-year period, made by the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company of Massachusetts, was sent to the city council by Mayor Curley, today, with the recommendation that it be accepted.

The bid of the Brooklyn company, which is also engaged in similar work in Brooklyn, N. Y., was \$3,780,000. This was \$519,900 below the bid of the Coleman Disposal Company of Boston which, for the last 10 years has operated the Spectacle Island plant.

Before the council can approve the contract a public hearing must be held.

ACT TODAY ON PARKING AUTO RULES

Commission Plans to Put Them in Effect on Dec. 12

Two new rules that will revolutionize traffic conditions in the city will be passed by the Traffic Commission at a special meeting today, one to provide for 12-hour alternate parking in all but 232 streets in the city, and the second making owners responsible for illegal parking of their cars where the identity of the operator is unknown. They will become effective Dec. 12.

BOTH RULED LEGAL

Opinions holding that both proposed plans are legal have been received by Chairman Joseph A. Conry from Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman. Members of the commission have held up final approval of the new rules awaiting receipt of the opinions.

A further storm of protest from business men against the 12-hour parking rule is expected today when Manager Daniel Bloomfield of the retail trade board of the Chamber of Commerce, who is leading the fight to block adoption of the rule, arrives back in Boston.

In a statement issued last night Chairman Conry said: "On a recent Monday traffic investigators made a count of cars which moved on Washington street between Avon and Summer streets."

"Forty-eight hundred cars were counted, of which number 1650 belonged in Boston, 200 were out of State cars and about 3100 came from 187 cities and towns outside the city of Boston, 84 came from Worcester, eight from Springfield, 14 from Lowell, 11 from Fall River, five from Pittsfield, two from Provincetown, five from Edgartown and 13 from Taunton."

"Cars from these cities, representing the extreme limits of the State, indicate the great variety of automobile traffic that enters our city every day."

"It is the desire of Mayor Curley to encourage out-of-town motorists to come to Boston and it is the hope that these visitors may find legal parking space on the streets, that his honor, the Mayor, has urged the adoption of the alternate parking rule."

"Traffic Commissioner Conry had received from Corporation Counsel Silverman his formal opinion and draft of a rule in legal form which will place the burden of responsibility for illegal parking on the owners of cars. It is expected that this rule will be adopted at the meeting on Monday, Nov. 30."

Globe

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ALTERNATE PARKING NOT IN EFFECT FOR 2 WEEKS

Engineer Hurley Instructed to Hasten Work of Placing Signs on Streets

It is apparent that alternate parking will not go into effect until two weeks from today, and then it may take effect only in what is known as downtown Boston, this side of Massachusetts av.

The Traffic Commission held a meeting this morning, at which the matter was considered, and engineer John F. Hurley was requested to hasten the work of placing proper signs upon the streets in which alternate parking will probably take effect.

The commission, however, adjourned without making a decision and will probably meet again this week for further discussion. Engineer Hurley reported that there were 42 streets on which the rule could probably be put into effect without delay.

However, if it is the intention of the Mayor to have alternate parking on all streets in the city except those already exempt, the order will include nearly all of the streets in the Boston Directory.

This would mean that at least 80,000 new signs would have to be made and erected, and in addition some 10,000 present parking signs would have to be repainted. The Traffic Commission employs three painters at the present.

In order to have the rule enforced, police would have to submit a certified copy of the new rules to the courts, and it will take some time to have nearly all of the city streets passed upon and the rules sent out in printed form.

However, if the rule is to be enforced on streets this side of Massachusetts av, it would require only about 5000 new signs and the repainting of the present ones in the area to conform with the new rules.

Mr Conry, in his statement following the meeting, said an opinion was received from Corporation Counsel Silverman in the matter of requiring the appearance in court of the owner of a car illegally parked.

It was the sense of the meeting that the rule drafted by Mr Silverman be adopted. The chairman was authorized to prepare a list of the rules which would be affected by the adoption of this amendment and submit the same to Mr Silverman for a draft of the necessary amendments.

The commission also gave a hearing to certain petitioners with regard to

the rule of no parking, adopted on the outward-bound side of Washington st in Forest Hills. Several petitioners appeared in favor of a change. Representatives Joseph C. White, William F. Madden and City Councilor Edward L. Englert appeared in opposition to repeal of the no-parking rule.

The Traffic Commission held a meeting with Mayor Curley this afternoon to discuss the matter of establishing signal lights on Beacon st and Commonwealth av.

TRANSCRIPT 11/30/31 Favors Low Bid on Garbage Contract

Curley Asks Council to Approve Award to Brooklyn Ash Removal Company

As the lowest of five bidders for the ten-year contract for the removal of Boston's garbage, the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company of Massachusetts was recommended to the City Council by Mayor Curley today. The company's bid, which was opened on Nov. 18, was \$3,780,000, or \$15,000 lower than the ten-year contract held by the Coleman Disposal Company, now about to expire; notwithstanding the normal increase in the city's population in the decade just passed.

The low bidder is said to be headed by Charles Cranford, who was the controlling force in both the Boston Development Company, and the Boston Sanitary Disposal Company, which held the contract for twenty years prior to the Coleman company's award ten years ago. Therefore, the city would not be depending upon operators unacquainted with the local situation in awarding the contract to the new firm.

The Brooklyn company's bid for ten years was \$374,000 lower than that of the second lowest bidder, the C. & R. Construction Company of Boston, and \$519,000 lower than the bid of the Coleman company for a renewal of the contract. Each of the five bidders agreed to pay its help 62½ cents an hour, or the prevailing wage, and the bids were based on use of the buildings at Spectacle Island, which have been in operation, with certain improvements, for many years. The machinery, however, must be acquired by the successful contractor.

Garbage is removed by contract from Charlestown, South Boston, East Boston, Back Bay, the downtown district and parts of Roxbury and Dorchester. In all other localities the public works department carries on this work.

EXPLAINS MAYOR'S STAND ON PARKING

Conry Says Aim Is to Aid Out-of-Town Autoists

Mayor Curley has urged the adoption of alternate parking in order to allow out-of-town motorists a chance to park legally in the city, according to a statement issued by Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry yesterday.

The Traffic Commission will meet this morning to act on the alternate parking proposition, following the release on Saturday of Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman's opinion.

The commission will also consider Commissioner Hultman's proposed rule to hold the owners of cars responsible for illegally parked cars, as the corporation counsel has decided that such a rule would be legal.

The statement of the Traffic Commissioner yesterday follows:

"On a recent Monday traffic investigators made a count of cars which moved on Washington st, between Avon and Summer sts.

"Four thousand, eight hundred cars were counted, of which number 1650 belonged in Boston. Two hundred and ninety were out of State cars and about 3100 came from 187 cities and towns outside the city of Boston. Thirty-four came from Worcester, eight from Springfield, 14 from Lowell, 11 from Fall River, Pittsfield had five, Provincetown had two, Edgartown five and Taunton 13.

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WOMEN'S CLUB OF FILENE'S GIVES \$50 TO CITY FUND

A check for \$50 to the unemployment fund was received today by Mayor James M. Curley from Mrs. Mabel Thorne Wessman, president of the Women's Club of Filene's. The club held a circus meeting last Tuesday night, the proceeds to go to charity. Mayor Curley was among the speakers.

PATROLMAN MICHAEL CASEY OF 11 RETIRED

Mayor Curley today approved the retirement of patrolman Michael Casey of Station 11. Mr Casey is 63 years 7 months of age and has been in the department 33 years. Retirement is on half pay.

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MAYOR AIDS BASKET FUND



CAPT. HENRY KILEY MAYOR CURLEY REP. WM. H. PARKER
Mayor Curley buying tickets today from members of the Fitton basketball team for a game to be played in Music Hall, East Boston, proceeds to be given to the Boston Evening American Christmas Basket Fund. (Staff photo.)

MEETING TODAY PLANS DRIVE ON CAPITAL

Unemployed Council Makes
Arrangements for Trucks to
Leave Here in Group

Defying police intervention, officials of the Unemployed Council of Boston today declared that tomorrow morning would see a long line of white trucks wending out of Boston on the "hunger army" parade to Washington.

In last-minute preparation for the great move on the capital, a mass meeting will take place to-

night at the Ambassador Palace, Tremont and Berkeley sts., where delegates will receive final instructions.

Boston is planned as a starting point for one of the four sections of the motor truck parade converging on the White House Dec. 6, in a supposed demonstration against unemployment, but labelled by the U. S. Secret Service as a Communist attempt to take advantage of economic unrest.

MEETING TO BE ALLOWED

Supt. Crowley has emphatically asserted that any demonstration of parade proportions will be halted here tomorrow. He pointed out there would be no police interference with the Communist recruiting meeting to take place on Charles st. mall tomorrow, but if more than 200 persons took part in the start of the proposed march, it would be considered a parade, and be prevented from moving without a permit.

Crowley expressed the opinion that the communists would not be able to secure 10 truckloads of unemployed to join in the parade in this city. The Boston quota for the parade is 50 truckloads and 4 autos.

He said the Communists would be allowed to "holler their heads off" at the recruiting meeting on the mall tomorrow.

GLOBE 11/30/31

TRAFFIC LIGHTS BADLY NEEDED

Commonwealth-Av Case
Presented by Curtis

Signal lights on Commonwealth av were discussed this noon in the office of Mayor Curley, with the Traffic Commission in attendance. Last week an order went to the Council asking for the rescinding of an appropriation of \$125,000 for traffic lights on Commonwealth av. The money was available, but nothing had been done about it in more than two years.

Councillor Laurance Curtis 2d, representing residence in the district blocked the passage of the order when he asked that it go over for a week. Knowing the needs of the district, the Councillor determined to make a thorough canvass and this morning he presented evidence that not only did residents want the long delayed traffic lights, but that the Commonwealth av is one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in Boston and badly in need of lights. Many accidents occur there weekly, particularly at night when there are no officers at the intersecting streets.

The decision of the Traffic Commission meeting will be made public later in the day, Mayor Curley said.

Those present were Police Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman, Traffic Commissioner Joseph A. Conry, Park Commissioner William P. Long, Deputy Public Works Commissioner Christopher J. Carven, acting in the absence of Commissioner Rourke, who is on leave of absence, and Street Commissioner John J. O'Callaghan, who represented Commissioner Thomas J. Hurley, who is sick in the Winthrop Hospital.

CURLEY GRANTS PERMIT

Mayor Curley also stated he saw no reason for preventing the Communist meeting on the mall. He pointed out that there was scarcely any audience at such gatherings except when they had been highly publicized by the prospect of police interference.

Plans for the caravan from Boston set the start from here tomorrow to reach New York Friday and Philadelphia Saturday. It was planned to pick up cohorts at Providence, New Haven and other cities en route.

The marchers, who are expected at Providence tomorrow afternoon, will not be allowed to parade there and will be denied a permit for an open air meeting, police heads said today. A parade permit will not be granted.

Leaders of the planned country-wide march today charged secret service officials with fomenting "Red hysteria," in labelling the caravan as Communist propaganda, it was reported from Washington today.

GROPING IN MAZE OF PARKING TANGLE

COMMR. O'CALLAGHAN COUNSEL SILVERMAN COMMR. LONG COUNCILLOR CURTIN



COMMR. HULTMAN **MAYOR CURLEY**
Traffic Commission meeting in City Hall today, where the mayor and members of the board wrestled with the problem of 12-hour parking and who to tag "it" in the traffic maze. Seated are Police Commissioner Hultman, Mayor Curley and Traffic Commissioner

COMMR. CONRY **MR. CARVEN**
Conry. Standing are Street Commissioner John J. O'Callaghan, Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, Park Commissioner William P. Long, City Councillor Lawrence Curtin and Acting Commissioner of Public Works Christopher J. Carven. (Staff photo.)

GLOBE 11/30/31

AVENUE SIGNAL LIGHTS URGED

Mayor Curley was in conference today with Boston Traffic Commission, City Councillor Curtis of Back Bay and Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman concerning signal lights for Commonwealth ave.

Recently the Mayor asked the City Council to rescind an order for \$125,000 for such lights. On the request of Curtis the council withheld action so Back Bay residents might have opportunity to protest against abandonment of plans for the lights.

Mayor Curley said if any decision was arrived at by the commission, announcement would be made later today.

CURLEY FROWNS ON JOBLESS PROPOSAL

Unemployed Not to Work at Immigration Station

Needy unemployed of Boston who are receiving aid through the Public Welfare Department will not be called upon to do any painting, carpenter or other work on the U. S. Immigration Station at East Boston, according to Mayor Curley.

John J. Shields, director of unemployment for the city, told Mayor Curley today that Immigration Commissioner Anna Tillinghast had called his attention to the fact that about 50 unemployed in New York on the city rolls had been delegated to work on Ellis Island, and she said she would like some of the Boston unemployed to work at the station on the New York basis. The New York unemployed work so many days to make up for what they draw from the city.

Mayor Curley told Director Shields that there was "nothing doing" on the proposal.

MAYOR APPROVES SUM FOR CHARITIES BUILDING

An order for an appropriation of \$15,000 for furnishings and equipment for the addition to the charities Building was approved by the Mayor today.

\$215,000 APPROPRIATIONS FOR PLAYGROUNDS ASKED

Orders calling for layground improvements amounting to \$215,000 were sent by Mayor Curley to the City Council today. The laygrounds and amounts are as follows:

Charlestown Heights, \$25,000; Dunbar-av, \$40,000; Fallon Field, \$15,000; John J. Connolly, \$20,000; Rogers Park, \$15,000; McConnell Park, \$30,000; New Playground, Germantown, West Roxbury, \$50,000; Park Hill, \$20,000.

The Mayor also sent to the Council his recommendation in favor of the awarding to the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company of Massachusetts the contract for garbage removal. The company was the lowest bidder at \$3,780,000 for 10 years. C. & R. Construction Company bid \$4,154,000 and Coleman Disposal Company, resented contractors, \$4,299,900.

Notwithstanding the normal growth of population in 10 years, the new contract is \$15,000 lower than the one existing after 10 years.

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The Parking Riddle

When is a new rule "convenient" which threatens to cause great inconvenience? The universal twelve-hour parking plan gives Boston that riddle to solve, with a vengeance. A regulation which city officials declare urgently needed to help Boston's stores, the stores themselves say they do not need in the slightest. In fact, they are firmly opposed to it. Instead of desiring to spread far and wide an invitation to use Boston's streets for all-day parking—with a single shift at 1 P. M.—the Retail Trade Board declares itself against such practice, and strongly hopeful that the new rule may at least be suspended until after the Christmas season.

Not prudent caution, but the swiftest possible rush to enforce the change, has been City Hall's answer. According to today's announcements, officials, in their haste, will brush aside even the requirement that a change in the traffic rules must be advertised in two successive issues of the City Record before it can take effect. In order to achieve this, the Traffic Commission must solemnly vote that its new rule is "urgently required by considerations of public safety or convenience." Yet those who have had years of experience with the parking problem, and whose interests for the protection of their customers is most at stake, declare that the rule will have directly the opposite effect!

It is argued, however, that an emergency has been created by the recent Superior Court decision that the police cannot sustain an action against the owner of an illegally parked car unless they have positive evidence that it was the owner who parked the car. That being the condition of the existing State law, the corporation counsel advised the Traffic Commission some months ago that it had no power to draft a new regulation which would hold the owner de facto responsible. Now the counsel has reversed that decision. He has discovered means whereby the commission can amend its parking rule so as to fix the owner's responsibility. Very well. If that be so, that puts an end to the legal emergency which City Hall says exists. All the Traffic Commission needs to do is to re-draft the present one-hour parking rule so as to establish the owner's responsibility. The emergency having been already overcome, it would be interesting to know what a court in equity would say of the power of an administrative commission to enforce at once, without notice and before hearing, a change of rule which the citizens and interests most affected say is not convenient but a gross inconvenience.

CURLEY AGHAST AT 'AUDACITY' OF PROPOSAL

Sends Back Word That It Is Up to the Federal Government to Provide Help

Unable to get additional help from the federal authorities, Mrs. Anna Tillinghast, U. S. immigration commissioner for this port, today asked the city of Boston to provide workers from the poor relief list, to work at the immigration bureau at no cost to the government.

"Outrageous!" was Mayor Curley's reply to her request.

Mrs. Tillinghast made her suggestion by telephone to John J. Shields director of the Municipal Employment Bureau.

She told Director Shields that at the immigration station there was much painting and carpenter work to be done and that typists stenographers were also needed.

SAW VISIONS OF HELP

So far it sounded great to Shields, who saw visions of placing a dozen or more of the hundreds of daily applicants for work.

But the immigration commissioner soon dispelled his hope.

She told him that she had tried to get these workers from her superiors but had been informed that funds were insufficient.

She said that at Ellis Island, the New York immigration station, 50 persons who are on the poor relief lists of that city are employed by the government, drawing for their remuneration only the usual city aid.

She asked Shields to provide workers under the same arrangement, and said she was making her request at the suggestion of the supervising architect of the Federal government.

MAYOR IS AGHAST

"You mean you want these workmen and girls to work for the government, but to receive nothing but the aid the city is already giving them?" asked Shields.

"Well, it doesn't sound right to me, but I will put it up to the mayor," said Director Shields. He did so and Mayor Curley said: "Telephone to Mrs. Tillinghast immediately and inform her that this is the most outrageous thing we have ever heard of. The federal Government is responsible for the depression, and the federal Government should relieve it."

CONTRACT LOST BY COLEMAN CO.

Loss of the 10-year refuse contract by the Coleman Company, present holders, was indicated today when Mayor Curley sent an order to the City Council for acceptance of the \$3,000,000 bid of the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company, of Massachusetts, lowest bidders.

Coleman Company was third lowest with \$4,299,900 for the 10-year period. C. & R. Construction Company was second with \$4,154,000.

The contract calls for removal and disposal of refuse in the downtown area, South End, Roxbury, Charlestown and East Boston.

\$215,000 Is Asked for Playground Work

Orders for playground improvements in various sections of the city calling for a total expenditure of \$215,000 were sent to the city council for their approval by Mayor Curley today.

The largest item was for \$50,000 for a new playground in Washington st., in the Germantown section of West Roxbury.

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ASK ERECTION OF STATUE ON NEW SITE

The erection of the statue of Edward Everett, knocked from its place several months ago near the historic Blake House, in Richardson Park, Dorchester, was requested by the Dorchester Board of Trade yesterday in a letter forwarded to Mayor Curley, Park Commissioner Long, Traffic Commissioner Conry and Charles D. Maginnis, chairman of the Boston Art Commission.

The proposed new site of the statue is but a short distance from the pedestal from which it was toppled by a speeding automobile. The letter also requests that the circular grass plot in the centre of Edward Everett square, where the statue formerly stood, be left in place as a safety island.

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TRAFFIC PLANS IN MUDDLE

Board to Seek Way Out, Meets Today With Mayor

Boston's new 12-hour alternate parking rule, scheduled for final adoption yesterday was apparently in a hopeless muddle last night facing a \$600,000 expenditure for traffic signs with no money available for the work.

As a result of the muddle members of the Traffic Commission will meet with Mayor Curley today to seek a solution that will allow the rule to go into effect.

MAY REDUCE PLAN

At today's meeting it may be decided to place the 12-hour scheme in effect only in the city in-town from Massachusetts avenue, which, it is estimated, would require an expenditure of only \$50,000 for signs. Even this amount is not available, unless Mayor Curley can find a way to provide it.

Today's conference comes as a result of a lengthy wrangle among members of the traffic commission, who sought a way to put the rule into effect without placing signs on the street. Members of the commission finally abandoned all plans they had under consideration and admitted that placing of the signs was the only way to do in fairness to the public.

Saw No Court Agreement

It has been contended by some members of the commission that the courts would not convict drivers of parking on the wrong side of an alternate parking street where there were no signs warning them of the violation.

With only three painters now at work in the shop of the Traffic Commission and no money available for the purchase of material or hiring of additional painters, little hope remains, it was admitted by experts on the commission, unless the Mayor provides the necessary funds.

It may be that Mayor Curley will instruct the commission today to pass the rule at once as an emergency measure, without signs, and adopt one of the schemes that has been suggested. One of these is to make the rules read that cars can stop on the even numbered side of the street during one 12-hour period, and on the opposite side during the rest of the day.

Signs for 42 Streets

Another alternative is to have the rule passed and to prosecute drivers in court on the grounds that ignorance of the law is no excuse for the violation. Chairman Conry, in a statement, said that signs could be placed in 42 streets without delay.

During the meeting yesterday the commission passed the rule drafted by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman making owners of cars responsible for illegal parking. The rule as passed read: "No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicles registered in his name to stand, or park in any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the city in violation of any of the rules and regulations of the Traffic Commission of the city of Boston."

See Loophole

Despite the opinion given by Silverman that the rule is legal it was contended by many police and lawyers yesterday that it provides a loophole for automobile owners. They contend that the words, "permit, allow or suffer," implies consent of the owner. This contention, they claim, has been upheld many times by the courts.

The City Council yesterday refused to vote for the postponement of the 12-hour alternate parking system until after a public hearing is held by the Traffic Commission.

Grim Spectacle for Prosperity

A black box resembling a coffin and labelled "General D. Pression" was carted through the streets of Boston today on top of one of the garbage wagons of the sanitary department, and later thrown off a wharf into the harbor. It was Mayor Curley's gesture for a return of prosperity, a much more grim spectacle than that which he staged during the halves of the Holy Cross-Boston College football game in the Harvard Stadium.

Headed by a band, the coffin was borne down Tremont street from the theatrical district. The "happy mourners" were women playing in the theaters, who occupied a dozen automobiles. The band marched into the ward at City Hall playing "Happy Days Are Here Again." Mayor Curley quickly appeared and spoke on the sidewalk before two thousand persons as the moving picture and talkie machines worked. The parade then passed to the water front, with Mayor Curley in the first car of the "cor-tege."

When the sanitary wagon was backed up to the end of the wharf and somebody attempted to push the coffin into the water, the bottom fell out and the container, minus its weight of cobblestones, instead of sinking, floated on the surface. Finally, it was pushed out of sight, and the solemn act of heralding a new and happy day in business, was over.

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Plan for Commonwealth Avenue Traffic Lights Revived by Mayor

The plan for traffic lights on Commonwealth avenue from Arlington street to Governor square presented two years ago, and which seemed doomed last week when Mayor Curley sent an order to the city council asking that the \$125,000 appropriation for their installation be rescinded, received a new lease of life yesterday.

Following a conference between the mayor and traffic commission yesterday morning to which Councilman Lawrence Curtis, 2d, was invited, the mayor sent a communication to the council meeting in the afternoon re-

questing permission to withdraw his rescinding order of a week ago.

The council, which had laid the order on the table at last week's meeting on request of Councilman Curtis, acquiesced in yesterday's request of the mayor.

Residents of Commonwealth avenue had represented to the mayor that some system of traffic control is needed on that portion of the avenue, especially at intersections where cross traffic is heavy. Just what sort of a signal system will be installed has not as yet been definitely determined.

CURLEY SUPERVISES GRAND JURY DRAWINGS

Mayor Curley presided yesterday at the drawing of 22 grand jurors, who will serve for the first half of the coming year. No significance was attached to the decision of the mayor to personally supervise the drawing of the names by Councilman Ruby.

The Boston representatives on the grand jury will be Edward T. Hewes, 8 Cumberland street, Back Bay; John F. Baker, 380 Centre street, Roxbury; Raymond F. Green, 101 Cabot street, Roxbury; Benjamin Carp, 103 Brunswick street, Dorchester; John A. Mathewson, 242 E street, South Boston; David E. Lane, 104 Cowper street, East Boston; Oscar H. Swanson, 88 Wyman street,

Jamaica Plain: Joseph A. Svagdy, 601 East Sixth street, South Boston; John H. O'Shaughnessy, 145 Charles street, Back Bay; Gunnar A. Rhineland, 5 Akron street, Roxbury; John T. Duke, 58 Dracut street, Dorchester; Lewis E. Whitten, 10 street, Dorchester; Harry Albach, 24 Iowa street, Dorchester; Morris A. Freed, Brookside street, Roxbury; Dorchester; 271 Normandy street, Dorchester; Peter J. Ferraro, 308 Bennington street, East Boston; Paul M. Cronin, 254 Westville street, Dorchester; George C. Wright, 146 Chiswick road, Brighton; Patrick J. Rior, 1163 Boylston street, Back Bay; John M. Toomey, 81 High street, Charlestown; John A. MacPhee, 173 Everett street, Brighton; Henry A. Schneider, 12 Ashford street, Brighton; and Andrew Campbell, 81 Selwyn street, West Roxbury.

EXCESSIVE COST, TOO LONG DELAY CAUSE DECISION

Traffic Commission Tries To Put 'Teeth' in Regulations

OWNERS MADE LIABLE FOR PARKING BREACH

Alternate System, Modified, Now Considered for Downtown Streets

Mayor Curley's 12-hour alternate parking plan, opposed by the retail trade bureau of the chamber of commerce, appeared to have been definitely scrapped last night.

Overwhelmed by problems of expense and delay, there appeared little likelihood that the mayor would insist that his plan be carried out. Mayor Curley is now studying a modified plan to have alternate parking from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. and from 2 P. M. to 7 P. M. on downtown streets.

Under this plan no parking at all would be allowed before 10 A. M. and unlimited parking after 7 P. M.

Traffic officials, including Commissioners Conry and Hultman, and Traffic Engineer John F. Hurley, last night refused to say whether the traffic commission had been informed it would cost \$600,000 to construct, paint, and install the 60,000 signs required properly to inform the public where alternate parking would be in force.

PUT "TEETH" IN RULE

Even if the money, which is not now available, could be found, it would be a physical impossibility to finish the signs in time to establish the rule on Dec. 7 as requested by Mayor Curley, it was said. The traffic bureau has neither the men, the materials, nor the appropriation for such a tremendous job of sign-painting. Only three painters are employed at present.

The traffic commission at its session yesterday adopted a regulation approved by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman and designed to put "teeth" in the machinery for enforcing parking regulations. It follows:

No person shall allow, permit, or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand, or park in any street, way, highway, road, or parkway under control of the city in violation of any of the rules and regulations of the traffic commission.

This rule makes the owner responsible for the illegal parking of his car by any driver other than himself, it was claimed. The commission requested Mr. Silverman to examine the other rules to see whether any of them conflicted in any way with the new regulation, and asked Mr. Hurley to submit a list of rules which might be construed to conflict with it.

Another conference will be held at the mayor's office at 11:30 this morning at which representatives of the trade board and the traffic commission will thresh out the whole matter.

The city council at its meeting yesterday declined to ask that the traffic rule problem be laid over until after Christmas, but it was said that Mayor Curley, in face of so many complications, was now willing to wait for some time other than the Christmas shopping season in which to try out any of the substitutes for 12-hour alternate parking which he has before him for consideration.

Councillmen Kelley, Mahoney, Fitzgerald and Curtis were the only members who supported the order of Councilman John F. Dowd calling on the traffic commission not to "force alternate parking upon the retail merchants" at this time.

Councilman Wilson of Dorchester, retorted hotly to Dowd's claim that a radical change in parking regulations should not take place during the holiday season. Wilson said the police would have little difficulty in enforcing it.

Dowd declared he favored alternate parking at a more opportune time. Wilson said that recent court decisions have forced immediate adoption of a remedy to prevent motorists from disregarding unenforceable regulations. Dowd denied that an emergency existed.

Between 5000 and 6000 signs would be needed if placed only on the streets east of Massachusetts avenue and not in the suburbs, it was said at police headquarters. If alternate parking eventually was established the traffic commission might decide to cut expenses by ordering the regulation to apply only to streets on that side of Massachusetts avenue, it was intimated strongly.

CURLEY'S NEW PLAN

The new plan of Mayor Curley would prohibit parking on all downtown business streets from 7 to 10 A. M. After 10 A. M. there would be alternate parking on one side of the street until 2 P. M. and from 2 to 7 P. M. on the other side. From 10 P. M. to 7 A. M. parking would be permitted in all locations where it did not interfere with the free flow of traffic.

This plan was understood not to be definitely perfected and subject to alterations.

Chairman Conry refused to discuss the situation except to release a written report of yesterday's meeting which contained the following statement:

The matter of alternate parking was considered at length and the engineer was requested to hasten the work of placing proper signs upon the streets in which the alternate parking was to be effective.

The engineer reported already 42 streets which he believed could be attended to without delay.

Mr. Conry declined to say when the commission will hold the hearing required by law as a result of the petition of 25 registered voters presented by the trade board.

Commissioner Hultman contends that

the names of about 200 streets should be added to the list of 18 which have already been definitely exempted from alternate parking by the traffic commission, it was learned.

The commission later in the day went to Mayor Curley's office at City Hall to discuss the proposed extension of traffic signal lights on Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue.

CURLEY ASKS LOANS FOR PLAYGROUND WORK

Would Spend \$50,000 for New Field In West Roxbury

Decision by the city council yesterday of a variety of loan orders, in order to make available for other purposes, the amounts between estimates of cost of bridge construction and building construction at the hospital, gave Mayor Curley opportunity to ask approval of new loan orders of \$215,000 for the creation of a new playground in West Roxbury and the improvements of seven existing playgrounds.

He proposes to spend \$50,000 for a new recreation field in the Germantown section of West Roxbury; \$25,000 at Charlestown Heights; \$40,000 at Dunbar avenue, Dorchester; \$15,000 at Fallon field, Roslindale; \$20,000 at Connolly playground, Roxbury; \$15,000 at Rogers park; \$30,000 at McConnell park and \$20,000 at Parker hill.

BRITISH CHARITABLE SOCIETY TO HOLD BALL

Annual Affair to Be Saturday—Many Noted Patrons Back Affair

The 22d annual ball sponsored by the British Charitable Society and its woman's auxiliary to obtain funds to aid needy Britishers and their families will be held Saturday night in the Copley-Plaza. The society has existed here 115 years.

Patrons and patronesses will be Gov. and Mrs. Ely, Mayor Curley, Sir Ronald Lindsay and Lady Lindsay, the Earl of Bessborough, governor-general of Canada, and the Countess of Bessborough; G. B. Peak, British consul general in New York, and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Carnegie Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Windeler and Mr. and Mrs. John Wyde.

VEHICULAR TUNNEL STRIKE IS DENIED

Col Sullivan Replies to "Walkout" Statement

Differences of opinion exist between the leaders of the Building Trades' Council for Boston and vicinity and the executives of the Boston Transit Commission, as to whether there is a strike at the new East Boston vehicular tunnel job at East Boston.

Edwin E. Graves, general agent for the unions, said that more than 100 skilled mechanics made up of engineers, electricians and compressed air workers walked out yesterday morning and that the same number making up the early night shift also declared themselves on strike, with the committee prepared to pull out the early morning shift of about the same number.

It was said by the labor leaders that every union mechanic except members of the carpenters' union, responded to the strike order which was made necessary by the failure of the

contractors to pay the prevailing wages.

On the other hand, Col Thomas F. Sullivan, chairman of the Boston Transit Commission, last evening said there was no stoppage of work at the tunnel through a strike, and as far as his engineers could learn, no strike had taken place. He further said that if there was no more truth in the strike story than there was in the number of men who "walked out," then it was untrue, as the entire working force of skilled mechanics and unskilled laborers were fewer than the total of skilled workers announced.

Whereas union leaders said that a special strike detail of 30 policemen had been placed on duty in the vicinity of the tunnel job, it was said at the East Boston police station that only two extra men had been sent to the tunnel after a report that differences existed among the workers over wages.

When asked if the men who started to work at 4 p m yesterday were the same men who had worked the same shift the night before, Col Sullivan said his engineers did not give him that information as all they said was that the number of men, for whom work was available, had started on time.

He further said that he did not keep tabs on the workers, as between 500 and 700 men are always waiting for work at the gates to the office and if anybody walked off the job another man was walking on before the man leaving could get around the nearest corner.

REPORTS DIVISION ON MEMORIAL DESIGN

Commission Recommends New Board Erect Building

Differing in their views of the design, the members of the Massachusetts War Memorial Commission—created by the Legislature to study the problem of erecting a State war memorial in the Back Bay Fens—filed their report yesterday with the General Court, recommending the passage of an act providing for appointment of an unpaid commission to erect the memorial.

The commission is unanimous as to the proposed location, cost (\$1,000,000) and program of development of approaches to the monument, but differs widely on the design recommended.

Col Willard B. Luther of Cambridge, a member of the commission, in a statement filed with the report, says that he concurs in the full recommendation of the commission, although the design is not the one he personally would have selected. He says that the disagreement in the commission is an invitation to the Legislature to do likewise. But if the Legislature does not advance a memorial plan this year he believes the matter should be permanently abandoned.

Ralph Adams Cram, noted Boston architect, filed a minority report on the design. He says he cannot bring himself to vote for the Johnson design and submits as his own choice the design of Maginnis & Walsh, Boston, which, he asserts, has beauty, and is more adapted to the purpose of a memorial. Noting his regret at being unable to agree on the design, Mr Cram declared he most heartily approves a State war memorial, but he feels it would be better to have no memorial than one which did not do the highest credit to the architectural profession.

Col Luther is sharp in his supplemental statement. He asserts "that something which was at first a gracious idea has become, or is rapidly becoming a sour and stagnant mud-dle." The disagreement of the commission on the design he views as "an invitation to perpetuate a struggle instead of to erect a memorial."

He believes it is demonstrated there is no insistent public demand for a memorial.

He believes if this report is thrown into the discard, the Legislature should allow the idea of any memorial to forever disappear.

"It is impossible for me to believe that those, living and dead, whose services are sought to be memorialized, should have any desire to have the question buried further. The real memorial would then remain what it always has been—the simple memory of loyalty and patriotism freely offered in time of greatest need."

STENOGRAPHERS TELL OF PUBLIC SPEAKERS EASY TO RECORD

Judge Keating of Superior Court Favored by Many— Gov Ely, Senator Walsh and Mayor Curley Close Up in Running

Opinion seems to differ among Boston's expert stenographers on who is the best speaker in the city to record. Some say that Judge Keating of the Superior Court wins the honors, because he always speaks at a consistent rate of about 80 words a minute, never varies a whit and his diction is perfect.

The judge may win the honors as far as the Courthouse goes, but any expert stenographer delights to take his Honor, James Michael Curley. His speed is more than 100 words per minute, but every word is distinct and clear. Occasionally he may spurt to 150 words a minute, but after each spurt there is a breathing spell when the stenographer can easily catch up. John F. Fitzgerald is one of the fast-

est talkers in Boston, and always gave the recording stenographers a run. He had a habit of quoting large figures occasionally, never repeating them, and saying them so fast a stenographer just had to be good to get them.

Gov Ely is a very easy speaker to record. He speaks slowly, deliberately, less than 100 words a minute, gives the audience a good opportunity to understand everything he says and the stenographer a good opportunity to write it.

One of the fast speakers in a courtroom is attorney Daniel Gallagher, especially when his interest is aroused by testimony when questions come from him to the witness thick and fast.

David I. Walsh is very easy to record, and Frank Goodwin, when he talks at a hearing, or delivers a speech, is one of the fastest speakers in the city.

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But after canvassing the long-time residents of the avenue, Councillor Curtis found that his constituents were virtually unanimous in their opinion that traffic signals were a positive necessity in Commonwealth avenue, if pedestrians were to cross in safety. Agreeing that he must have been misinformed, the Mayor directed the Traffic Commission to carry out the plans for the installation of the signal system, and for good measure, he recommended that a special ornamental design of signal post be obtained to conform with the artistic atmosphere of the avenue.

MAYOR GIVES FLAT REFUSAL

Won't Let Jobless Work at Immigration Station

Flat refusal was made by Mayor Curley, yesterday, to the request of Immigration Commissioner Anna Tillinghast for the assignment of men on the city's jobless relief rolls to the work of painting, carpentering and other duties at the U. S. Immigration Station at East Boston.

Hundreds receiving unemployment relief help to make some return to the city three days a week, by cleaning up the streets, parks and playgrounds, but the Mayor insisted that they would not be obliged to perform free work at the federal buildings, here.

Director John J. Shields of the city's employment bureau, informed the Mayor that Commissioner Tillinghast had explained that 50 men receiving relief payments from the city of New York, had been assigned by municipal authorities there to work at Ellis Island in return for their dole. But the Mayor insisted that the method will not be adopted here.

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GENERAL D. PRESSION GIVEN CHILLY BURIAL IN HARBOR



FUNERAL CORTEGE OF GENERAL D. PRESSION COMING DOWN TREMONT ST. NEAR STUART, ON ITS WAY TO THE SOUTH FERRY

After ceremonies in which Mayor Curley participated, General D. Pression, encased in a black pine coffin decked with bunches of carrots, beets and turnips, was tossed overboard from the stern of the ferryboat Flaherty into the harbor's chill waters off Battery Wharf, at high noon today.

Unwept, unhonored, this old general nuisance, celebrated as a "gloom" in his lifetime, was thus "well buried for all time." "His grave is not far from the scene of the immortal Boston 'tea party!'" as Mr Curley said, in obsequious tone. The Mayor, himself, had lent a hearty hand in pushing the coffin off the top of the municipal garbage truck which had borne the body to its last resting place at the head of a funeral procession whose vehicles were filled with smiling "mourners."

But old D. Pression didn't go to his grave unsung, for scores gathered on the ferryboat and on adjoining

wharves, including two dozen pretty chorus girls who had gladly gotten up an hour earlier for this funeral, joined joyously in singing "Happy Days Are Here Again!" the air of which was played by a big brass band composed of members of the Musicians' Union.

No Death Certificate

Standing off the wharf and spurring fall streams in celebration of the "burial," fireboats 47 and 31 set their sirens screeching in a symphony which was to be joined by the whistles of all nearby harbor craft.

Led by a mounted police escort, the cortege had passed downtown through Tremont and School sts, sidewalks lined with thousands of onlookers, and halted at City Hall for such scant "ceremonies of State" as were accorded old D. Pression on his way to the great beyond.

School st and the City Hall plaza were choked with pedestrians as the Mayor emerged from his office and was asked by Frank Howland of his secretarial staff, in charge of the funeral, if the Mayor would issue a death certificate for D. Pression.

Advised by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, the Mayor's head man in all such exigencies, that it wasn't necessary to issue such a document because everybody now knows that D. Pression has "croaked," the Mayor declined.

Letters are pouring in on Mayor James M. Curley, expressing delight that Gen D. Pression is dead in New England. Today's mail brought letters from Gov Jonathan Garland Pollard of Virginia, Gov William G. Conley of West Virginia, Gov Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland and Gov Doyle E. Carlton of Florida.

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The proposal had been abandoned a week ago when the Mayor was informed that some of the Commonwealth avenue property owners between Arlington street and Governor square would not give up special rights in the highway which they had held for over 50 years.

But after canvassing the long-time residents of the avenue, Councillor Curtis found that his constituents were virtually unanimous in their opinion that traffic signals were a positive necessity in Commonwealth avenue, if pedestrians were to cross in safety. Agreeing that he must have been misinformed, the Mayor directed the Traffic Commission to carry out the plans for the installation of the signal system, and for good measure, he recommended that a special ornamental design of signal post be obtained to conform with the artistic atmosphere of the avenue.

MAYOR GIVES FLAT REFUSAL

Won't Let Jobless Work at Immigration Station

Flat refusal was made by Mayor Curley, yesterday, to the request of Immigration Commissioner Anna Tillinghast for the assignment of men on the city's jobless relief rolls to the work of painting, carpentering and other duties at the U. S. Immigration Station at East Boston.

Hundreds receiving unemployment relief help to make some return to the city three days a week, by cleaning up the streets, parks and playgrounds, but the Mayor insisted that they would not be obliged to perform free work at the federal buildings, here.

Director John J. Shields of the city's employment bureau, informed the Mayor that Commissioner Tillinghast had explained that 50 men receiving relief payments from the city of New York, had been assigned by municipal authorities there to work at Ellis Island in return for their dole. But the Mayor insisted that the method will not be adopted here.

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GENERAL D. PRESSION GIVEN CHILLY BURIAL IN HARBOR



FUNERAL CORTEGE OF GENERAL D. PRESSION COMING DOWN TREMONT ST. NEAR STUART, ON ITS WAY TO THE SOUTH FERRY

After ceremonies in which Mayor Curley participated, General D. Pression, encased in a black pine coffin decked with bunches of carrots, beets and turnips, was tossed overboard from the stern of the ferryboat Flaherty into the harbor's chill waters off Battery Wharf, at high noon today.

Unwept, unhonored, this old general nuisance, celebrated as a "gloom" in his lifetime, was thus "well buried for all time." "His grave is not far from the scene of the immortal Boston tea party!" as Mr Curley said, in obsequious tone. The Mayor, himself, had lent a hearty hand in pushing the coffin off the top of the municipal garbage truck which had borne the body to its last resting place at the head of a funeral procession whose vehicles were filled with smiling "mourners."

But old D. Pression didn't go to his grave unsung, for scores gathered on the ferryboat and on adjoining

wharves, including two dozen pretty chorus girls who had gladly gotten up an hour earlier for this funeral, joined joyously in singing "Happy Days Are Here Again!" the air of which was played by a big brass band composed of members of the Musicians' Union.

No Death Certificate

Standing off the wharf and spurring tall streams in celebration of the "burial," fireboats 47 and 31 set their sirens screeching in a symphony which was to be joined by the whistles of all nearby harbor craft.

Led by a mounted police escort, the cortege had passed downtown through Tremont and School sts, sidewalks lined with thousands of onlookers, and halted at City Hall for such scant "ceremonies of State" as were accorded old D. Pression on his way to the great beyond.

School st and the City Hall plaza were choked with pedestrians as the Mayor emerged from his office and was asked by Frank Howland of his secretarial staff, in charge of the funeral, if the Mayor would issue a death certificate for D. Pression.

Advised by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, the Mayor's head man in all such exigencies, that it wasn't necessary to issue such a document because everybody now knows that D. Pression has "croaked," the Mayor declined.

Letters are pouring in on Mayor James M. Curley, expressing delight that Gen D. Pression is dead in New England. Today's mail brought letters from Gov Jonathan Gariand Pollard of Virginia, Gov William G. Conley of West Virginia, Gov Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland and Gov Doyle E. Carlton of Florida.

PARKED AUTO OWNERS TO BE LIABLE

Traffic Board Votes to Make Them Responsible, Regardless of Who Is Driving

The 12-hour alternate parking plan will require the expenditure of \$600,000 for new traffic signs, the Boston Evening American learned today.

The information came from an authentic source, even as the Traffic Commission met and proceeded with this system suggested by Mayor Curley and at the same time voted to make owners responsible for their parked cars regardless of who parks them.

Confusion and indecision attended the whole situation, while the Traffic Commissioners had a peaceful meeting behind closed doors and adjourned to the office of Mayor Curley.

60,000 NEW SIGNS

The alternate parking plan, if put into effect in such a manner that the motorist will not lack from proper instruction, and so not be immune to prosecution, will require 60,000 new signs, at a cost of about \$10 apiece, the Boston Evening American was informed.

About 5000 signs will be required in the downtown district alone.

Inasmuch as the traffic commission employs only three painters and has no such sum as \$600,000, or even \$50,000, immediately available for such a purpose, considerable speculation was accorded the possibility of meeting Mayor Curley's wish that the system be inaugurated in time for the Christmas shopping crowds.

MAY START IMMEDIATELY

Immediately following the meeting there was an unconfirmed report that the system would be made effective before any public hearing is granted and without the ordinarily required two weeks' advertising notice in the City Record.

Of what transpired behind the closed doors of the meeting room, the Boston Evening American learned for a certainty that:

The commissioners voted to make car owners responsible for

means unknown). The commissioners voted to give the press a verbatim copy of the above order (this was delayed or omitted).

LEGAL, SAYS SILVERMAN

The commissioners received from Corporation Counsel Silverman his opinion that the alternate parking plan is legal.

The Commission had a peaceful meeting at which Police Commissioner Hultman made many suggestions regarding the alternate parking plan which were accepted (for consideration) by Chairman Conry.

Instead of a copy of the order voted, Chairman Conry issued the following prepared statement:

"The Traffic Commission met at its office this morning and gave a hearing to certain petitions with regard to the rule of no parking adopted on the outward bound side of Washington st., at Forest Hills station.

SILVERMAN RULING

Several petitioners appeared in favor of the rules and Reps. White and Madden and Councilor Englert appeared in opposition to repealing the proposed no-parking. The matter was taken under advisement.

"An opinion was received from Corporation Counsel Silverman in the matter of requiring the appearance in court of the owner of a car illegally parked.

"It was the sense of the meeting that the rule drafted by Mr. Silverman be adopted. The chairman was authorized to prepare a list of the rules which would be affected by the adoption of this amendment and submit the same to Mr. Silverman for a draft of the necessary amendments.

HURRY ON SIGNS

"The matter of alternate parking was considered at length and the engineer was requested to hasten the work of placing proper signs upon the streets in which the alternate parking was to be effective.

"The engineer reported already 42 streets which he believed could be attended to without delay.

"The commissioners adjourned to meet in the office of His Honor the Mayor to consider a matter of establishing traffic signal lights on Beacon st., and Commonwealth ave."

Chairman Conry said that in view of the petition for a public hearing, brought by the retail trade board of the Chamber of Commerce, which is leading the opposition, such a hearing must be held.

CAN BE WAIVED

He did not say whether it would be held before or after the plan goes into effect.

The rule requiring advertisement of a law change in the City Record for two successive weeks prior to the change, may be waived by the commission if it considers an emergency exists, it was learned.

This apparently opens the way for just such a procedure as the trade board has feared, the "rail-roading" of the plan into effect before the opposition has opportunity to

been forthcoming, the alternate plan still applies to the entire city with the exception of 18 streets exempted upon protest of Commissioner Hultman, who still believes some 200 more should be added to this list.

No Unemployed for Government Work

Mayor Curley will not permit any of the Boston beneficiaries of the unemployment relief fund to work for the Government at the immigration station. Miss Anna Tillinghast, commissioner of immigration, informed the city's employment office today that in New York fifty of the unemployed are at work at Ellis Island, painting and doing carpentering work, and she suggested that a similar number of Boston's unemployed could be used at the Boston station. The mayor was emphatic in his denunciation of such a practice.

MAYOR REAPPOINTS ROBERT J. BOTTOMLY

Robert J. Bottomly of Jamaica Plain has been reappointed for two years by Mayor Curley as the Boston trustee of the metropolitan transit district. Bottomly is clerk of the trustees and was originally appointed by former Mayor Nichols. The four other trustees are appointed by the Governor.

LABOR UNION TO HOLD POSTPONED ROPE PULL

The Boston Central Labor Union tonight will run off tug of war matches that were not completed at the Labor Day outing, at the Dudley Street Opera House. Two fight films will be shown on the screen as an added attraction.

Teams that will contest for the silver cup donated by Mayor Curley are from Concord, Woburn, St. Catherine's, Charlestown, Leominster, Brewery Workers of Boston and Brockton. The committee in charge includes J. Arthur Moriarty, president of the C. L. U.; Harry P. Grages, secretary; Michael J. Hines, Charles E. O'Donnell, Frank P. Fenton and William Commanc.

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HIGH SCHOOL ORDER SCORES IN COUNCIL

Advanced Despite Kelly's Fight— Commonwealth Av Traffic Light System Assured

Defeated two weeks ago, the \$920,000 order for a high school on the Wilder site in Dorchester, bobbed up again in the City Council yesterday and proponents of the order scored a victory, putting the order over for its first reading. For weeks, Councilor Francis Kelly of Ward 13 led the fight against the order, insisting the school should be built at Meeting House Hill.

Yesterday it was apparent that more than one of the councilors who voted against the order the first time up had changed about, and when the roll-call was over, it developed that Kelly, Dowd, Fish and Wilson were the only men against it. Voting for the order were Councilors Arnold, Bush, Curtis, Cox, Donovan, Englert, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Green, Hein, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Murray and Ruby.

Kelly bitterly assailed Council members in a long speech before the vote was taken.

Agree Before Meeting

Though the order is for \$920,000, an agreement was reached in the Mayor's office before the Council meeting that \$500,000 would be expended on a school at the Wilder-st site which will be capable of caring for the overflow from the Memorial High School and the Girl's High School on Newton st; with the balance in reserve for a school at Meeting House Hill.

It is the intent to ask the Legislature next year to authorize appropriation of \$600,000 to be added to the \$420,000 balance and give Meeting House Hill a million dollar high school. The half a loaf had no effect on Councilor Kelly, however, despite the fact that the arrangement was agreed to by school authorities according to the Mayor, who said they agreed to use their influence to get the necessary balance.

Mayor Takes Back Request

Mayor Curley yesterday sent to the City Council a communication in which he withdrew the order submitted a week ago for the rescission of an order for traffic lights on Commonwealth av. The sum of \$125,000 was appropriated during the last year of the Nichols administration, but nothing was done about installing any traffic signal lights.

Councilor Laurence Curtis 2d held up the order a week ago, asking time to investigate the rescission. The Back Bay Councilor did investigate; attended a meeting yesterday in Mayor Curley's office with the Traffic Commissioners present, and later Mayor Curley sent to the Council a letter

calling for withdrawal of the order and declaring that Commonwealth av from Arlington st to Massachusetts av was one of the thoroughfares that should be safeguarded with traffic lights as soon as possible.

The Mayor's letter said he had "requested this action as stated in my message on the ground that legal complications interfered with the work. I have since discovered that I was not correctly advised in this matter, and as I am of the opinion that Commonwealth av is one of the thoroughfares that should be safeguarded by traffic lights as soon as possible, I hereby withdraw my message and order of Nov 23."

Curtis Assured of Action

Councilor Curtis was not only assured that steps would be quickly taken to install the traffic signal system, but that it will be a comprehensive one, caring for all intersecting streets.

Several orders introduced by Councilor Dowd of Roxbury passed the Council but his orders to hold up the proposed 12-hour alternate parking was defeated. The Councilor thought there should be a public hearing and that because of the approaching holiday season and objections by merchants, that it go over, to after New Year.

"General D. Pression" in a black coffin and to the music of the Firemen's Band will be paraded through downtown streets today for dumping in the harbor. The idea did not appeal to Councilor Dowd, but he did say that if Mayor Curley believed depression was dead and over that he would ask that 102 firemen be appointed and 600 laborers be put to work.

Others of his orders which passed was for Penal Institutions Commissioner William O'Hare to have a survey with the idea of building a bridge from Winthrop to Deer Island and also an appropriation for sanitary renovation of the cells in the old prison at Deer Island.

Mayor's Orders Passed

The Council passed orders sent up by the Mayor, one calling for \$15,000 for furnishings for the new addition to the public welfare building and the other for \$215,000 for playgrounds. The playgrounds and amounts are as follows:

Charlestown Heights, \$25,000; Dunbar-av, \$40,000; Fallon Field, \$15,000; John J. Connolly, \$20,000; Rogers Park, \$15,000; McConnell Park, \$30,000; New Playground, Germantown, \$50,000; and Parker Hill, \$20,000. West Roxbury will get \$25,000 for the same.

In action with the City Council the Council yesterday passed an order setting 2 p. m. Dec 15 as the time and the Council Chamber as the place for a public hearing on the 10-year ash and garbage contract, bids for which were recently opened. The Mayor yesterday sent to the Council his recommendation in favor of awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, the Brooklyn Ash Removal Company of Massachusetts. The bid of that company was \$3,780,000.

Grand Jurors Drawn

Certain precincts of the city are so topheavy with voters that the election commissioners have created 24 extra precincts. Yesterday the Council received details in connection with authorization for printing said changes. Under the new division there will be 363 precincts.

Wards 1, 7, 11 and 12 each get one extra precinct; Wards 16, 17, 19, 21 and 22 each get two precincts; Wards 14 and 20, three each, and Ward 18 four extras.

The following grand jurors were drawn:

Edward T. Howes, Ward 4, 8 Cumberland st; John A. Baker, 10, 336 Center st; Raymond F. Green, 9, 101 Cabot st; Benjamin Kapp, 14, 106 Brunswick st; John A. Mathewson, 6, 242 E st; David A. Lane, 1, 104 Cowper st; Oscar H. Levenson, 19, 9 Wyman st; Joseph A. Sward, 7, 601 East 6th st; John E. O'Shaughnessy, 5, 14 Charter st; Gunnar Rhineland, 12, 5 Akro st; John T. Duke, 16, 58 Dracut st; Lewis C. Whitten, 15, 10 Iowa st; Harry Albach, 11, 24 Brookside st; Morris A. Friedman, 14, 271 Normandy st; Peter J. Ferrari, 1, 968 Bennington st; Paul M. Cronin, 15, 25 Westville st; Patrick J. Riordan, 3, 46 Boston st; John M. Toomey, 2, 81 Hickory st; John A. McPhee, 2, 173 Everett st; Henry A. Schneider, 21, 12 Ashford st; Andrew Campbell, 20, 30 Selwyn st.

GENERAL D PRESSION TO BE BURIED TODAY

Following a parade through several intown streets, General D. Pression is to be tossed into the waters of Boston Harbor by representatives of Mayor Curley this morning.

The parade, which is to be under the direction of Frank B. Howland, public reception official of the city of Boston, will start from in front of the Hotel Bradford at 10:15 o'clock. At the head will be a brass band, behind that city officials and a coffin containing the remains of the universally unpopular general, and behind them will be some of the sanitary disposal wagons of the city.

There will be a stop in front of City Hall and ceremonies in which Mayor Curley will participate. His Honor will be asked for a burial permit and is scheduled to announce that the old general's body cannot be given a resting place in the soil of Boston, and it will be conveyed to a ferry boat, taken down the harbor and tossed overboard accompanied by refuse from the sanitary wagons.

The band at the head of the procession will be composed of jobless members of the Municipal Police.

HERALD

12/1/31

GIRLS' SCHOOL COST IS LIMITED

Board Agrees to Hold Total
For Grove Hall Build-
ing to \$450,000

DORCHESTER TO HAVE ANOTHER NEXT YEAR

Agreement among members of the school committee and their successors to limit to \$450,000 the expenditure for a 20-classroom high school for girls at Wilder street, Grove Hall, and to give preferential consideration next year to a similar high school in the central section of Dorchester, yesterday preceded approval by the city council of a loan order of \$920,000 for high school construction.

Under the agreement, which Mayor Curley obtained in a successful effort to reconcile the conflict of opinion between the school committee and the city council, the proposed Grove Hall building will provide accommodations for not more than 700 pupils, made up of the overflow at the Memorial high school in Roxbury and at other high schools which Dorchester pupils are now forced to attend.

On advice of Corporation Counsel Silverman, the mayor abandoned a plan to reduce the loan order, which has been the subject of acrimonious controversy for the last three weeks, to \$500,000.

The corporation counsel stressed the strength of the claim which could be presented to the Legislature next year for new borrowing authorization for high school construction, if it could be shown that a balance of approximately \$500,000 in the borrowing authorization of the current year is available for additional construction.

In an effort to settle the issue created by the demand of Dorchester for a high school in a central section of the district, instead of Grove Hall, Mayor Curley called the council into conference with Joseph J. Hurley, chairman of the school committee.

After disclaiming any personal interest in the decision of the council on the loan order, the mayor successfully sought acceptable basis for a reconciliation.

Hurley reiterated his stand against the erection of a \$1,000,000 Wilder street school, and enough opponents to the adoption of the loan order by the council indicated that its passage could not be forced unless the school committee receded from its attitude.

Telephone conferences between the mayor and Committeemen Francis C. Gray, W. Arthur Reilly and Mrs. Elizabeth Pigeon of the existing committee and Dr. Charles E. Mackey of the incoming committee brought a general agreement to limit the Wilder street building to 20 classrooms. The estimate cost is \$450,000 to \$500,000 with prob-

ability that the lower figure will be the limit.

Councilman Wilson of Dorchester urged the mayor to reduce the loan order to \$500,000 so that there might be no question of the good faith of any of the participants. But for the opposition of the corporation counsel the reduction would have been made.

The council gave the loan order its first reading by a vote of 15 to 4. The opponents were Kelly, Dowd, Fish and Wilson. Its supporters included Arnold, Bush, Cox, Curtis, Donovan, Engert, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Green, Hein, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Murray and Ruby.

FITZGERALD DECIDES ISSUE

The deciding vote was that of Councilman Fitzgerald who subsequently declared that he relied on the school committee to maintain the agreement to keep the Grove Hall building to 20 rooms and provide another building in a section of Dorchester acceptable to the majority of the people of the district. Before the roll call Councilman Kelly attacked E. A. Johnson of the Building Trades Council and then turned on his colleagues, whom he characterized as "acrobats" for not adhering to their votes of two weeks ago when the loan order was rejected, 12 to 7.

Councilmen Green, of Charlestown and Murray of Jamaica Plain explained the reasons for shifting but Kelly attacked them even more bitterly. Joseph McGrath, president of the council, repeatedly halted Kelly when objections were made by Wilson and Ruby.

GLOBE 12/2/31 EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF COMMITTEE CALLED

Boston's newly created Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee will hold an organization meeting at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Mayor Curley has sent invitations to leading business men of the city, officials of welfare, labor and veteran organizations, to attend for the purpose of drawing up measures and adopting a program to provide relief during the Winter months.

The honorary chairmen of the Boston committee include Mayor Curley, Cardinal O'Connell, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Episcopal Church, Dr. Harry Levi, rabbi of Temple Israel, and Pres Joseph McGrath of the City Council.

Treas William H. Taylor of the City Welfare Department will serve as chairman of the committee and the vice chairmen will be Walton H. Crocker of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, Vice Pres Louis E. Kirstein of Filene's and R. A. O'Connell of the E. P. Slattery Company.

GLOBE 12/2/31 SCHOOL BOARD BALKS AT CITY HALL SCHEME

Turns Down Smaller High
School for Dorchester

The controversy over the \$920,000 loan order for a new high school for girls in the Roxbury-Dorchester District appeared to be as far from solution as ever last night as the result of the stand taken by the Boston School Committee at an informal meeting yesterday, refusing to rescind the original order. Such action would be necessary before any compromise arrangement would be effective.

Though practically settled by the City Council, following reports of an agreement by the various city authorities to build two small high schools instead of one 36-room building at Wilder st, near Grove Hall, as originally planned, the matter, after months of agitation, reverted back to its original form yesterday following a meeting of the School Committee.

Plan "Undesirable"

In a statement issued early last evening, the School Committee declared that the plan for two high schools was "educationally and economically undesirable." The members voted four to one against rescinding their original appropriation order, which would be necessary before a new appropriation based on the new plan could be passed.

Prior to the City Council proceedings Monday an agreement was reached in the Mayor's office that \$500,000 would be expended on a school at the Wilder-st site capable of caring for the overflow from the Roxbury Memorial High School for Girls and the Girls' High School in town, with the balance of the \$920,000 appropriation to be held in reserve for a school at Meeting House Hill. The Legislature was also to be asked to authorize the appropriation of \$600,000 to be added to the latter balance for a school in that district.

Committee Statement

The School Committee's statement follows:

"The School Committee met informally this afternoon in consequence of the vote of the City Council yesterday and the statements in the press in connection with the vote.

"At this conference there was considered the question of building, instead of one 36-room building at Wilder st, two small high schools—one at Wilder st and the other farther south in Dorchester.

"As a result of this meeting it developed that the plan for two small high schools was educationally and economically undesirable, and that from the practical standpoint it was impossible of accomplishment, because four votes to rescind the existing order for a 36-room building would be necessary before a new appropriation for a 20-room building at Wilder st could be passed. There were four votes against rescinding the appropriation for the 36-room building, for the reasons given.

"As a consequence of this, the School Committee stands now as it stood some two months ago, with four votes for and one vote against the construction of a 36-room high school building on the Wilder-st site."

SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS



RECORD 12/2/31

Retail Trade Board Warned by Curley

There will be no further consideration of the 12-hour auto parking plan or any alternate proposal to solve Boston's traffic problem until Feb. 1.

HERALD 12/2/31
A PARKING TRUCE

As the news columns of yesterday's Herald predicted, Mayor Curley has decided to defer the establishment of the "alternate" system of parking in the downtown streets until Feb. 1, anyway. Meanwhile the present rules will continue in effect.

The mayor's plan for 12-hour parking in all streets excited so much criticism that a postponement seems highly advisable. To have changed the regulations at this time, when Christmas crowds are beginning to fill the shopping district, would have invited dangerous confusion. If the alternate rule were enforced in the narrow downtown streets no better than it is at present on Boylston street between Arlington and Clarendon, traffic would have tied itself up in double bow knots!

The Chamber of Commerce will undoubtedly study the situation thoroughly, as the mayor requested, and report its recommendations within a few weeks. Its members and other citizens are no more satisfied with present conditions than His Honor is, but they did not see how a sudden and radical change could improve them. An unhurried consideration of the question, as is now proposed, should prove helpful.

But the problem will still remain essentially one of enforcement. Possibly the new rule adopted by the traffic commission making the owner of a car responsible for its misuse whether he is driving it or not will strengthen the arm of the police. Perhaps greater authority should be sought from the Legislature. Whatever changes in the parking code are finally made should be carefully weighed beforehand in the scales of possible enforcement. Nothing is quite so plainly contemptuous of the law as a car parked directly in front of a "no parking" sign.

This was agreed upon at a conference held yesterday at City Hall between the mayor, members of the Boston Traffic Commission and members of the Retail Trade Board of the Chamber of Commerce, at which the problem was discussed at considerable length.

The decision that attempts at solution of the problem be dropped until Feb. 1 was a concession to the Retail Trade Board, representing the merchants of the city, in order that there would be no interruption to Christmas and New Year sales through the adoption of new traffic rules.

Mayor Curley, however, warned the members of the retail trade board that they had been studying the Boston traffic situation for seven years, and that if they did not do something to bring order out of chaos, he would have to do it himself.

He said his position was that he had to safeguard the interests of the city so far as possible and he declared that the impression is growing in outside communities that Boston is an unsafe place to park a car.

The mayor charged that the present situation had arisen as the result of a court decision which compelled police to tag the owner or operator of a car instead of the car itself.

"That decision scrapped practically every rule and regulation governing traffic in the city," he said. "Something must be done to simplify the regulations."

Frederick C. Snyder, president of the Chamber of Commerce, praised a suggestion of Mayor Curley that owners of parked cars be held responsible for them. Snyder referred to the congestion in the market district and said that when the alternate parking plan was broached, nine janitors in one building decided to come to work in their cars.

Police Commissioner Hultman also approved the mayor's suggestion and said that it would be a great help to the police if the responsibility of parking was placed on car owners. The changing of traffic rules every few weeks, he said, led to confusion, and he suggested that no new rules be adopted until they had first been worked out and the police made familiar with them.

Hultman pointed out that more than one-half of the officers assigned from downtown stations worked on traffic in some form.

STORES TO AID JOBLESS FUND

Plan to Get Voluntary Contributions

Boston retail stores in the membership of the Retail Trade Board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, are working on a plan to obtain voluntary contributions to the Boston unemployment relief fund.

The committee appointed by Mr. Sidney S. Conrad, president of the Retail Trade Board and of Conrad & Co. consists of the following: Messrs. T. Grafton Abbott, president of D. R. Emerson Company; Richard Mitton, president of Jordan Marsh Company; John Shepard, 3rd, president of The Shepard Store; E. A. Black, publicity director of Wm. Filene's Sons Co., and Felix Vorenberg, president of Gilchrist Co.

It is expected that other stores in the city will support this project so that the total contributions from the retail interests will augment the sum to be raised by the Retail Trade Board.

At the same time President Frederic S. Snyder of the chamber announced that the trustees of the Boston Chamber of Commerce Realty Trust had agreed to furnish free of charge, quarters for Mayor Curley's executive committee on unemployment and relief. Attorney William Taylor, chairman of the committee, in thanking the Boston Chamber of Commerce for its co-operation announced that no relief will be dispensed from his quarters. Relief work will be done from the regular city relief agency headquarters.

12/2/31

TRAFFIC PLAN IS ABANDONED

Alternate Parking De-
ferred Pending Attempt
To Find Better Plan

MAYOR CRITICISES CHAMBER ATTITUDE

Plans to experiment with 12-hour alternate parking on downtown streets during the Christmas holidays were abandoned yesterday by Mayor Curley and the traffic commission during a conference with the retail trade board of the chamber of commerce and traffic commission.

Instead it was agreed, at the suggestion of the mayor, that any trial of the program be deferred until Feb. 1. He invited both the trade board and chamber to recommend plans to improve the present situation and also to study the 12-hour alternate scheme with a view of changes to make it acceptable to the business interests.

CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE

Mayor Curley made it clear that he will support any constructive change which will be intelligible and will end the problems now caused by downtown parking. If it means the scrapping of the 12-hour idea, he is ready to do so cheerfully, but if nothing better can be devised he will insist that this be given a trial in February.

The general opinion at the amicable meeting which the mayor held at City Hall was that the organizations affected and the traffic commission will be able to agree on changes in the present regulations which will make possible adoption of a uniform parking system without confusion and do away with the possibility of any sweeping 12-hour plan applied to downtown Boston.

In acquiescing to the demand of the trade organization for the abandonment of the plan to place the alternating regulation in operation immediately, the mayor chided the chamber of commerce and the retail trade bureau for

failure to propose in the last six years a comprehensive and enforceable parking plan.

Curley stressed this failure as justification for his position. He pointed out that for more than a year he has advocated an alternating plan which he will believe, until actual trial proves otherwise, provides an acceptable solution.

Among those present at yesterday's conference were Sidney S. Conrad of Conrad & Co., T. F. Lockney of Jordan Marsh Company, Lester Hunter of J. B. Hunter & Co., Walworth Pierce of S. S. Pierce & Co., E. M. Steele of Lamson & Hubbard Company, Frederic S. Snyder, president of the chamber of commerce; Felix Vorenberg of Vorenberg Company, L. S. Bitner of Filene's, V. F. Raphael of R. H. White Company, A. B. Bacon of Chandler & Co., John Shepard, III, of the Shepard Stores, Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, Traffic Commissioner Conry, Police Commissioner Hultman, John J. O'Callahan, acting traffic commissioner.

The discussion was chiefly by the mayor, Mr. Snyder, Commissioner Hultman and Commissioner Conry.

DEFENDS STAND

In defending his insistence on the trial of a new parking scheme, the mayor emphasized his belief that the need is acute, and that an immediate solution must be devised. He attributed his activity to a desire to protect the interests of the city as well as the interests of the business of Boston.

Describing the recent judicial decision which imposes on the police the responsibility of identifying the driver of an illegally parked automobile as akin to the scrapping of existing regulations, the mayor remarked that there is sufficient intelligence in Boston to solve the problem.

Making his first thrust at the retail trade bureau, the mayor declared that neither this organization nor any other has devised any workable parking plan.

"How do you feel about deferring the trial of the alternating plan until Feb. 1?" the mayor suddenly asked.

Mr. Snyder and Traffic Commissioner Conry concurred in approval after which Snyder complimented the mayor for his interest in control of parking and attributed to him credit for the recently adopted regulation which makes the

owner of an illegally parked automobile responsible for any violation of rule.

CRITICISES PLAN

In a criticism of the alternating plan, Snyder said that he had been informed that nine janitors employed in a downtown building had announced their intention of motoring to work daily and parking in the market district, where he said the parking situation is particularly acute.

With reference to the chamber and the retail bureau, the mayor said: "You've been studying this problem for six years and if you do not do something soon, I will try to solve it."

Commissioner Hultman remarked that he hoped that no new rules would be made effective until after policemen had been given opportunity to become familiar with their meaning. Asked by the mayor what percentage of the department personnel is engaged in traffic work, the commissioner limited his answer to down town divisions and said that about one-half of the men are assigned to automobile work of some character.

Hultman continued that the police cannot enforce parking rules if necessity requires assigning a patrolman to every curbing to spot the driver of ever car parked on a street and to await his return in order to identify the operator of a car which is parked in excess of the maximum limit.

SUGGESTS STUDY

Commissioner Conry expressed a desire to learn from the chamber of commerce the streets where parking interferes with business and he also suggested that a study be made of the idea of a zoning system.

Conry continued that the traffic commission is receiving a great number of complaints about the parking of cars on Beacon Hill until early morning hours and about the disturbances created by hilarious men and women returning to the parked cars.

"Where do you suppose they go?" asked the mayor.

In ending the conference the mayor asked for serious study of the alternating plan. He asserted his willingness to consider the elimination from its scope of streets on which conditions exist which may make it advisable to eliminate them from the plan.

TRAVELER

12/2/31

Whose Bright Idea Was This?

THE United States government, through its immigration officials, has a cast-iron nerve to ask the cities of Boston and New York to send men to work free of charge for the government, men who have been aided by the cities' welfare departments.

What kind of peonage is this? The men were to be put to work painting and carpentering and doing odd jobs about the immigration station. Mayor Curley and Employment Director Shields promptly condemned the idea.

If the government has any painting or carpentering or odd jobs to do, let it go out and hire men to do it and not try to institute a system of semi-slavery closely akin to the chain-gang method of road building in vogue in some of the unenlightened sections of the country.

The state of mind of some persons who get into high places shows them to be almost entirely out of touch with public opinion—yes, public decency.

GLOBE 12/2/31

GENERAL D. PRESSION THROWN INTO HARBOR

Thousands Sing "Happy Days" as
Mayor Orders Coffin Dropped
From Ferry Boat Into Sea



THE END OF GENERAL D. PRESSION
Mayor Curley Helps Throw Him Into the Harbor

Mayor Curley personally escorted the remains of "General D. Pression" to his burial place in the chilly waters of the harbor off Battery Wharf at noon yesterday after thousands had watched the "funeral" procession pass through the streets of the city.

General D. Pression, encased in a black pine coffin decked with bunches of carrots, beets and turnips, was tossed overboard from the stern of the ferryboat Flaherty while the mourners cheered and sang, "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Unwept, unhonored, this old general, celebrated as a "gloom" in his lifetime, was thus "well buried for all time."

"His grave is not far from the scene of the immortal Boston tea party!" Mayor Curley declared.

But old D. Pression didn't go to his grave unsung, for scores gathered on

the ferryboat and on adjoining wharves to join in the singing of songs as played by a brass band of members of the Musicians' Union. Fireboats 47 and 31, their sirens screeching, joined in the ceremonies.

Led by mounted police escort, the cortege passed through downtown streets to City Hall, where Mayor Curley was asked by Frank Howland of his secretarial staff, in charge of the funeral, if the Mayor would issue a death certificate. Advised by Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman that it wasn't necessary to issue such a document because everybody now knows that D. Pression is dead, the Mayor declined.

Letters pouring in on Mayor Curley express delight at the burial of D. Pression. Yesterday's mail brought letters from Gov. J. G. Pollard of Virginia, Gov. William G. Conley of West Virginia, Gov. Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, and Gov. Doyle E. Carlton of Florida.

HERALD 12/2/31

GROVE HALL HIGH PLAN IS UPHELD

Committee Refuses to Sub-
stitute Project of Two
Small Schools

Because it is "educationally and economically undesirable," the Boston school committee, meeting informally yesterday afternoon, refused to rescind an appropriation for a 36-room high school in the Grove Hall section of Dorchester in favor of two small high schools at Grove Hall and in the Meeting House Hill district of Dorchester.

This was contained in a statement issued for the committee by Chairman Joseph J. Hurley, who explained that the negative action placed the new Roxbury-Dorchester high school situation as it was before Mayor Curley suggested the change to two small high schools instead of one large building.

William Arthur Reilly, a member of the committee, in a personal statement explained that he had favored the Grove Hall section site, willing to change his vote to get construction started at once, and failing that had joined with the others in refusing to rescind his vote on the matter.

The Grove Hall site at Wilder street is opposed by the Dorchester board of trade and 12 other Dorchester civic organizations, which agitated for a site in Meeting House Hill rather than Grove Hall which is near the Roxbury line. Their opposition was upheld by members of the city council who refused to approve a loan order for the construction of the building at Wilder site and it was to settle this impasse that the mayor acted as mediator. He favors the Wilder street site to get work started as soon as possible.

The committee statement follows:

The school committee met informally this afternoon in consequence of the vote of the city council yesterday and the statements in the press in connection with the vote.

At this conference, there was considered the question of building, instead of one 36-room building at Wilder street, two small high schools—one at Wilder street and the other farther south in Dorchester.

As a result of this meeting, it developed that the plan for two small high schools was educationally and economically undesirable, and that from the practical standpoint it was impossible of accomplishment, because four votes to rescind the existing order for a 36-room building would be necessary before a new appropriation for a 20-room building at Wilder street could be passed. There were four votes against rescinding the appropriation for the 36-room building for the reasons given.

PLEADS FOR SHORT CODE ON TRAFFIC

Mayor Asks Business Men—12-Hour Plan Off to Feb. 1

Postponing the enforcement of the 12-hour alternate parking regulation at least until Feb. 1, Mayor Curley yesterday appealed to the business leaders of the city to suggest a short code of simple traffic rules that will induce shopping motorists to come to Boston.

PROMISE CO-OPERATION

Court decisions recently had rendered the present rules unenforceable without a traffic force of 20,000 policemen to squat beside each parked car, it was contended at the traffic conference held yesterday at City Hall, so the Mayor has asked for a few simple rules that can be enforced without driving motorists away from the city.

President Frederic S. Snyder of the Chamber of Commerce and representatives of other business organizations attending the meeting agreed to give serious study to the traffic problem and to co-operate with the Traffic Commission in devising rules for the best interests of the various sections of the city.

Boston business was his chief interest in urging the alternate parking plan, the Mayor stated, claiming that motorists considered Boston a hard place to park and escape arrest. Recent court decisions requiring the police to tag the motorist instead of the car had virtually scrapped the city's traffic code, the Mayor said.

Other Rule to Be Advertised

Possibility of enforcing alternate parking from 10 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon and then from 2 until 7 at night was discussed at the conference as a means of preventing office workers from driving downtown to work at 9 and leaving their cars garaged in the city streets all day.

After receiving a ruling from Corporation Counsel Silverman, the traffic commission took steps to advertise the new regulation making car owners responsible for parking violations, for two successive Saturdays in the City Record after which it will go into effect and be enforced by the police.

The rule as drafted by the corporation counsel reads: "No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicles registered in his name to stand, or park in any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the city in violation of any of the rules and regulations of the Traffic Commission of the city of Boston."

Notification of each offence in which car is involved will be sent to the

General D. Pression Is Buried in Hub Harbor



GENERAL D. PRESSION DUMPED IN HARBOR

Signalizing the return of prosperity, Mayor Curley, wearing the derby, is shown pushing the remains of General D. Pression into the harbor from a city garbage truck after a mock funeral.

Return of prosperity to New England was celebrated yesterday when "General D. Pression," embalmed in a pine box, was borne through the streets in funeral procession and dumped off the stern end of a municipal ferryboat into the watery depths of the harbor.

Mayor Curley officiated at the mock rites, which were witnessed by thousands of smiling mourners who thronged the downtown streets and the water front as the box, smothered in overripe vegetables, was borne on a municipal garbage truck, with a band in the lead, playing "Happy Days are Here Again," while a company of chorus girls in the

mourning cars sang the chorus.

While Fireboats 31 and 47 sent streams of water arching over the ferryboat, the funeral box was hurled into the harbor not far from the scene of the famous "Boston Tea Party."

Returning to City Hall, the Mayor found letters pouring in from various sections of the country, expressing joy that the old general was dead in New England. Among the messages were those from Governor Jonathan G. Polard of Virginia, Governor William G. Conley of West Virginia, Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, and Governor Doyle E. Carlton of Florida.

owner and on the third occasion prosecution will be started. Police maintain that the notifications will inform the owner that someone is parking his car in violation of the regulations and will establish the fact that any offences that follow upon the first notification occur with the owner's knowledge.

G h o 1 3 E 12/2/31

ALTERNATE PARKING PLAN IS DEFERRED

Put Off Until After Feb 1 at Conference

The 12-hour alternate parking plan urged by Mayor Curley as a solution of traffic difficulties in the city and vigorously protested by business men, together with other changes in the traffic regulations, have been deferred until Feb 1, at least, it was decided yesterday at a conference between Mayor Curley and representatives of the Retail Trade Board and the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Late in January, another conference is to be held at which time it is anticipated those interested will have agreed upon a new and simplified system which may be put into operation.

The decision to defer any general changes until after the Christmas rush was agreeable to all parties interested and Pres Fred S. Snyder of the Chamber of Commerce congratulated Mayor Curley for his constructive suggestion that all traffic regulations be very much simplified so that people outside Boston may realize they can come to Boston in their cars and do their shopping here without fear of being tagged and prosecuted in the courts for violation of any of a tremendous number of trivial traffic rules.

Mayor Favors Waiting

Mayor Curley himself suggested that no changes be made until after the holiday business has been done by the merchants.

"In the meantime," he said, "we all can study the various situations,

General D. Pression Cast in Boston Harbor

A service symbolic of what he would like to do in actuality was performed by Mayor Curley yesterday when he pushed a dummy into Boston harbor. The figure was dubbed "General D. Pression."

A considerable crowd applauded the mayor's dramatic gesture, and the wails of fireboat sirens lent an air of the eerie to the funeral event. Motorcycle police escorted the "cortege" from the Hotel Bradford to the City Hall, where the mayor refused a burial permit with the explanation, "We have had the carcass of the general around too long."

"Happy Days Are Here Again" was sung by the crowd after the funeral.

which are different, I understand, on all streets, and some time in January we can get together again and sift out the very best suggestions and set up a simplified set of traffic rules which can be permanent.

"It has been suggested that we permit the delivery of merchandise until 10 a m and then permit parking on the streets from 10 a m until 2 p m. That idea has some good in it, for it will prevent obstruction by passenger cars preventing the movement of merchandise to and from stores and places of business. It has been suggested that night parking be unrestricted. My position is to safeguard the city and to safeguard the business of the city.

"There is an impression among people outside Boston that if they come into Boston in their cars to do shopping they will be tagged and prosecuted for numerous trivial violations of the traffic laws. We receive new suggestions every day for improving the parking conditions. We have now changed it so that the car is tagged and the owner is responsible, and that decision of a court the other day which so baffled the Police Department in requiring them to catch the actual violator of the law, has been changed.

"There are sufficient interested men in Boston to work out a solution of this perplexing problem so that all will be benefited. I suggest that all you men representing the various interests get together in your various groups and study this problem seriously.

"I wish you will assemble all the suggestions of all the various groups some time early in January, and then we will get together and discuss them, and strive to arrive at a simplified system of traffic regulations which may be put into effect and remain in effect and thus avoid the confusion resulting from frequent and numerous changes in the rules."

Pres Snyder Explains

Pres Snyder of the Chamber of Commerce explained the situation in the market district, taking a few streets in the same immediate locality and pointing out the vast differences in the conditions and inadaptability of one set of regulations for all these streets. He agreed that it would be wise for all the various groups to study their respective situations, suggest remedies for their immediate localities and, in the end, pool all the suggestions for liberal discussion at the meeting to be held in January.

Police Commissioner Hultman asked that no new rules be adopted until it is known that they can be retained in effect permanently because the frequent changes in rules perplex and disturb not only the police but the people. He said the present traffic regulations require more than half the Police Department and said that if all the regulations proposed were

added, it would require a force of 20,000 men.

Traffic Commissioner Conry congratulated Pres Snyder for his suggestion to wait until February to decide on the new rules and recited numerous difficult situations. He ventured a suggestion of a zoning system but Mayor Curley quickly discouraged this idea with an illustration.

Firms Represented

Among those present were Sidney S. Conrad of Conrad & Co, T. F. Lockney of Jordan Marsh Company, Lester Hunter of J. B. Hunter & Co, Walworth Pierce of S. S. Pierce & Co, E. M. Steele of Lamson & Hubbard Company, Fred S. Snyder, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Felix Vorenberg of Vorenberg Company, L. S. Bitner of Filene's, V. F. Raphael of R. H. White Company, A. B. Bacon of Chandler & Co, John Shepard 3d of the Shepard Stores, Corporation Counsel Samuel Silverman, Traffic Commissioner Joseph Conry, Police Commissioner Eugene Hultman, John J. O'Callahan, acting Traffic Commissioner.

Also present were Col Thomas Sullivan of the Rapid Transit Board; George Hanson of Chandler & Co, Edmund O'Connell of E. T. Slattery & Co, Howard Joselyn of C. E. Osgood & Co, Adolph Ehrlich of Hovey & Co, Richard Mitton of Jordan Marsh Company, T. Grafton Abbott of the D. R. Emerson Company, Robert Maynard of R. H. Stearns Company, A. V. Sheffield of L. P. Hollander & Co, T. Gordon McNeil of Thayer, McNeil & Co, E. J. Brehaut, manager of the Civic Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce and others.

TRANSCRIPT 12/2/31 Regrets City Hall Misunderstood Her

Mrs. Anna C. M. Tillinghast, Commissioner of Immigration, explains an inquiry she made at City Hall on Monday and expresses regret that it was misunderstood.

With certain work to be done at the East Boston Immigration Station, Mrs. Tillinghast said, she was advised by a field worker of her bureau that New York officials were giving work to unemployed who were receiving relief funds through social agencies and therefore worked for nothing. She was asked to investigate this possibility here.

She called John J. Shields, director of the social welfare department of the city, she said, and was told that he would take up the matter with the mayor. Hearing no reply, she was astonished to read in yesterday's newspapers that the mayor had said, "Nothing doing" to what city hall regarded as a request for workmen.

"The citizens of Boston and Massachusetts are also citizens of the United States," the statement said. "The problem of unemployment and of financing our local, State and national governments concerns each and every one of us. Good citizenship, it seems to me, requires cooperation all along the line if we are to successfully handle the problems now confronting us, I regret that a friendly inquiry has gained such wide publicity."

Mrs. Tillinghast concluded her statement with the announcement that employees at the immigration station have voted to give one day's pay to the unemployed.

Fitzgerald Now Mentioned for Quinn's Post

Delay in Selecting Democratic Committeeman Starts Talk for Former Mayor

By William F. Furbush

Delay in the call of a meeting of the Democratic State Committee to select a successor to the late Edward W. Quinn as national committeeman from Massachusetts is causing rumblings in the ranks of the party with an accompanying undercurrent movement in behalf of former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald as a prospective choice. There have been indications from time to time that Chairman Frank J. Donahue of the State committee was on the verge of calling the meeting, but as time rolls on with no date being set some of the hopefuls among the past and present leaders in the party are becoming restive and would force the chairman's hand if possible.

There were strong indications after Mayor Quinn's death that Chairman Donahue could have the post of national committeeman if he wanted it, and it is confidently stated by his supporters that nothing has occurred to alter that conclusion. Delay in the selection, however, has started considerable discussion to the effect that the position should go to Fitzgerald. While no positive drive is understood to have been started in his behalf there are some known to be close to him who are "talking Fitzgerald" for the position. This discussion began to take on definite form immediately after the former mayor's interchange of letters with Chairman John Roskob of the Democratic National Committee, warning against the usurpation of too many committee chairmanships by the Democrats in the reorganization of the National House. This action was interpreted as a gesture which recorded Fitzgerald as doing what a national committeeman might be expected to do in the circumstances.

Talk Maynard for State Post

When the local vacancy in the national committee occurred it was forecast that if Chairman Donahue accepted the post he likewise would continue his duties as State chairman. This conclusion has given rise to the further discussion that Donahue should not assume duties in addition to his already numerous ones as State party leader and chairman of the Fall River Finance Commission. If he does accept the national committee position, they say, he should yield either the State chairmanship or the Fall River commissionerhip. On the theory that he would not give up the latter post they at least were fully figure that he would abandon the State chairmanship. In this connection they advance the name of Joseph W. Maynard, former surveyor of the Port of Boston, and close Fitzgerald friend and ally as a possible choice for the State chairmanship.

TRANSCRIPT

Old time members of the party who have been through many manoeuvrings for control see an interesting development in what they consider the remote possibility of Maynard taking the helm of the State committee. With Maynard as chairman, they say, Fitzgerald, through him, would be in the position of obliging "School street" (Mayor Curley) to "consult" with him, directly or indirectly, in any political ventures, such as possible candidacy for the governorship or advancement in this State of the presidential cause of Governor Roosevelt of New York.

Chairman Donahue very likely is aware of the degree of unrest among those in the party now more or less "out" in the matter of party direction, but his delay in calling a meeting of the State committee obviously indicates that he will not be stampeded into action. Reasonably assured by his supporters that the State committee membership will be back of him if he cares to take on the national committee post, the chairman has shown no inclination to give heed to those who are anxious to have the vacancy question settled.

It had been planned to have the committee meeting concurrent with the visit here of some nationally prominent Democrat by way of sounding the party keynote in this State. Chairman Donahue's illness at the time of the visit of Governor Ritchie of Maryland prevented the possible carrying out of such a plan at that time and since then the date of the meeting has been and continues problematical.

Younger G. O. P. in Action

While there is the latent possibility of friction developing in the Democratic ranks over the National Committee vacancy, the younger group in the Republican ranks are driving ahead in their program to revitalize the party through the medium of "red-blooded, fighting Republicans." This spirit is back of the meeting called for next Monday night at the University Club under the leadership of Major Judson Hannigan, president of the Republican Club of Massachusetts, and Henry Cabot Lodge, grandson of the former United States senator. As was stated yesterday, about fifty members of the party from various sections of the State are expected to attend the meeting to discuss party policies in the determination to have the party "go back as one of policies, not one of office-holders."

Major Hannigan explained yesterday that the movement is not, and is not intended to be, in any manner antagonistic to the Republican State organization. Among the policies to be discussed and advocated among others will be the re-submission of the prohibition question to conventions of the States and the bringing of the United States Navy up to the full limit provided under the existing treaties. It is the intention of the group to bring into the councils of the party all the voting elements in the party so that the convention in September will be well-posted on the attitude of the electorate and can govern itself accordingly.

Major Hannigan explained that his part in the movement is not as president of the Republican Club but that if it is the sense of the meeting that its goal may be attained through the club it will in all probability be glad to be the instrument by which the program may be carried out. He agreed that the plan is in keeping with that being carried out by the senatorial district Republican councils which are discussing the prohibition and depression issues frankly in their several meetings so that a settlement may be crystallized.

was announced today by Major Hannigan, will be one of the speakers at the meeting Monday night.

Among those expected to attend the meeting are President Gaspar G. Bacon of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor William S. Youngman, George F. Booth, Worcester publisher; Joshua L. Brooks of Springfield, Wendell D. Howie of Cambridge, Senator Henry Parkman, Jr., Representative Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., Mayor Sinclair Weeks of Newton, former Congressman George R. Stobbs of Worcester, Merrill Griswold, Colonel Eben S. Draper, former Speaker of the House, Loring Young, former District Attorney Robert T. Bushnell of Middlesex County, Cornelius W. Corcoran.

A Little Laughter Won't Hurt

"General D. Pression" was consigned to the waters of the harbor with Mayor Curley as leading mortician, a band playing a dirge in jazz time, and chorus girls singing "Happy Days Are Here Again." After that, it be true that the depression is entirely psychological, the dawn of a new and better day may be expected. Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by the son of Boston who pushed the black pine coffin off the ferry boat.

With "General D. Pression" it became a case of sink or swim. The fact that the cobble stones relied upon to cause him to sink fell out with the bottom of the coffin caused a moment of anguish. Of what use the singing of the song about happy days if the general refused to follow the example of the illustrious McGinty in seeking the depths? But as it turned out, the chorus girls, had anybody thought of it, might have sung: "Down went D. Pression to the bottom of the sea."

There are people who may regard the obsequies of "General D. Pression" as a bit of tomfoolery unsuited to troubled days. But ability to enjoy the ludicrous will not delay the return of good times even if it does not hasten it. A little laughter may lighten a vast deal of gloom. There is reason in the appeal of the song so often heard when the nation was in the midst of an affliction much greater than that which it now endures. "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag, and smile, smile, smile." That is the spirit behind this "D. Pression" ceremony with its remote suggestion of the Boston Tea Party. If it does nothing more, it may contribute to a cheerful frame of mind.

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